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BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

War wages on in Iraq



Joint service security forces from the Air Force and Army team up to provide Iraqi Freedom is the multinational coalition effort to liberate the Iraqi people, protection for base personnel and assets at a forward deployed air base in eliminate Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and end the regime of Saddam Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom March 23, 2003. Operation Hussein.

PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. TERRY L. BLEVINS

TIMELINE AND MAP OF THE WAR

War begins.
Shortly after the 48-hour deadline
for Saddam Hussein to leave Iraq
expired, American-led coalition forces
began a series of air strikes on Iraqi
targets. Airstrikes were followed by
the invasion of Iraq by the U.S. and
allied forces on March 20.

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ground invasion of Iraq. Coalition
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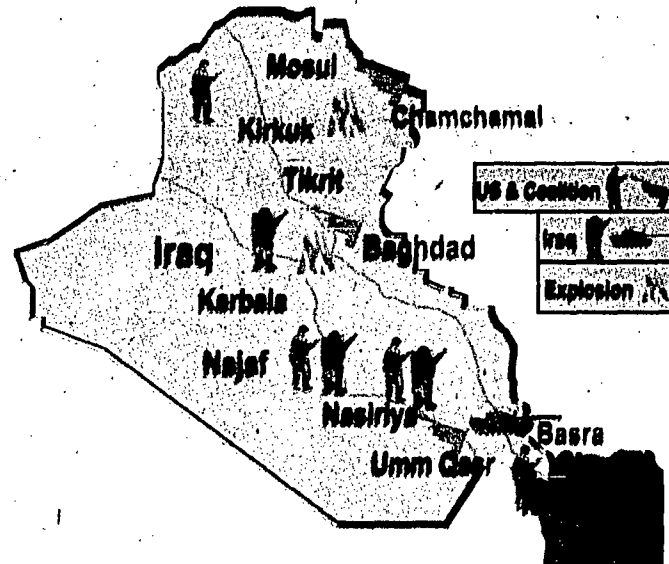
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Maryville students learn about war in classrooms

Some teachers to devote a class a day to inform students of war

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Local schools began as usual with their daily Pledge of Allegiance, while Americans halfway across the world began to take part in the war.

"The first day of the war, students began the day by saying the Pledge in their classes as normal," said Ron Lander, Maryville High School principal. "But that day, the students felt it necessary to take time to think about the people involved so far away."

Lander said students are able to receive news regarding the war during school through a 12-minute news program called Channel One that is played daily in every classroom.

"We are all kept aware of the war, but we still find it necessary to keep going about our business," Lander said. "We aren't hiding it; we just don't want to keep dwelling on it until the point that it becomes depressing."

David Weichinger, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, said he is downplaying the war and violence in his school.

"We don't do a whole lot with the war because the students are so young that they have a hard time understanding," Weichinger said. "They can understand a pet in the road getting run over, but it's hard for them to understand people going through that so far away."

Weichinger said students who do express concern with the war can visit with counselors who have worked in situations like this before and are ready to help.

Dorothy Baldwin, sixth-grade social studies teacher at Maryville Middle School, has decided to approach the war head on in her classroom.

"We are going to devote part of a whole class period once a week to the war in Iraq," Baldwin said. "We will start with some basic geography of the region. I hope to make this into an open forum style of learning."

Mary Walkup Matthews, language arts teacher at Maryville Middle School, said she wants to keep her students as involved as possible in what is occurring with the war.

"We have watched CNN during homeroom," Matthews said. "I will have them share their feelings about the war and ask any questions they might have. We have talked about reasons for the war, both sides of the argument and how you can be against the war but still support the soldiers."

Support for the troops is especially important in Matthews's homeroom with the presence of two students whose fathers are involved and waiting to be deployed.

Sue Trowbridge, also a language arts teacher at Maryville Middle School, has been helping her students better understand American involvement in the war.

"We have talked about people we know that are there," Trowbridge said. "We have discussed that war is never a good thing. Most kids feel this way and get rather quiet when it is discussed. One student said 'Well, they won't bomb in the Midwest, so we are safe.'"

Holden providing relief to troops

Northwest troops will receive financial help

By MICHELLE STACY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest students who have been called to active duty to serve their country will receive a financial break in their tuition and scholarships.

Gov. Bob Holden announced Monday that students attending higher education in Missouri who are called to active duty can receive tuition relief.

Students can choose a complete refund of all tuition and enrollment fees or they can take a delayed grade of any classes this semester. The plan would allow the students to complete the courses when they return.

Students with state-funded grants or scholarships also qualify for relief. If called to duty, students would receive their grants or scholarships when they return to their respective institution. The grant or scholarship would be awarded at the beginning of the

next academic term after completion of their active duty.

"Students called to active duty will not be penalized for serving their country," Holden said. "These young people have made an investment to further their education, and they should have every opportunity to continue their education when they return."

Specialist Jeremy Morehead, A-co 110th Combat Engineer Battalion in the Missouri National Guard, agreed with Holden's tuition relief.

"I think it's a great idea," Morehead said. "It's the fair thing to do."

Morehead signed an eight-year contract with the National Guard which pays 100 percent of his tuition.

Morehead said that, if called to active duty, he would take a delayed grade because it is so late in the semester.

Students under the Montgomery GI Bill of Rights also receive a break from the University. Under the

Students seek to overhaul constitution

Student government rules to face potential changes

By ABBY SIMONS
MANAGING EDITOR

Armed with the signatures of more than 100 students seeking change, two members of Northwest's Student Government have placed an option to revamp the organization's constitution on an upcoming ballot.

Finalized March 12, a petition entitled Proposition B and signed by 101 Northwest students, supports the proposition of a new Student Senate constitution to be voted on the week of April 15. If passed, the document, written over the past six months by junior Ryan Bauer and petitioned by sophomore John Lakebrink, would entirely change the structure of the governmental body.

Bauer and Lakebrink are members of Bearcat Voice, and Bauer is also a member of Student Senate. However, both said the petition is in no way affiliated with any student organization.

"We've made an absolute distinction that this is not a Bearcat Voice petition. This is a student petition," Lakebrink said. "This is not a Bearcat Voice initiative, and we want to clarify that because there is animosity between some Student Senate members and members of Bearcat Voice who happen to be senators as well."

Lakebrink said the main goals of Proposition B are to reform the government in a manner so that the student body president and vice president will now serve as liaisons with the student body. Lakebrink said the changes are needed in order to better serve the students of Northwest.

"Our goal is to eliminate the disparities in Student Senate between Student Senate and the actual students," Lakebrink said. "That way, we are guaranteeing that student opinion is recognized instead of what

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PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR
Debris rests on the side of Highway 71 after a fatal accident claimed the life of Michael Powell. Powell was driving home to Villisca, Iowa, when he struck a semi.

Accident claims man's life

Head-on collision with 10-wheeler occurred when driver fell asleep

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

A Villisca, Iowa, man was killed in a head-on collision Tuesday at approximately 7:20 a.m., one mile north of Wilcox on Highway 71.

Michael Powell was driving a 1989 Chevrolet Celebrity when he hit a loaded two-ton ten-wheeler carrying gasoline and oxygen. The driver, James Jones of Elliot, Iowa, and the passenger escaped without injury according to state trooper Travis Williams.

According to the police report, Powell fell asleep at the wheel. Burlington Junction rescue and fire workers were called to scene. Six police cars and one tow truck also made the scene shortly after the accident was reported. Four miles of Highway 71 were blocked off for nearly three hours as rescue workers cleared the debris and gasoline from the accident.

According to Williams, the driver of the Celebrity was heading north on Highway 71 when he swerved

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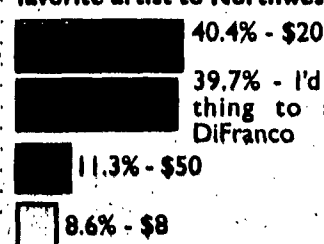
Julian gives options for activity now that the Tundra is under construction, answers how long school is still in session, talks about blind dates and erotica.
He will reveal all in this week's Ask Julian.



For a review of John Travolta's latest movie "Basic," check the Buzz Friday.

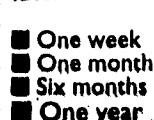
Poll question:

How much would you be willing to pay for tickets to bring your favorite artist to Northwest.



This week's poll question:

How much longer do you think Operation Iraqi Freedom will last?



Northwest Week to bring campus together

'I Love Northwest' is theme for next week's display of student spirit

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest Week, a tradition started 12 years ago, is ready to kick off with a barbecue Monday and KZLX at the Bell Tower.

The annual event was originally founded as I Love Northwest Week by Vice President for University Relations, Tom Vansaghi, who was then the Student Senate president. "We started I Love Northwest Week to encourage students, staff

and faculty to appreciate all of the great things about Northwest,"

Vansaghi said. "We hoped to increase school spirit and pride through a series of events and activities in the spring when there wasn't a major campus-wide event like homecoming."

To get ready for the annual event the student senate has been making a number of preparations.

"What haven't we done?" said Lauralyn Sullivan, event planning

chair for the Student Senate. "One major thing is calling businesses to try to get prizes donated for the events."

Most of the week's festivities will be free to students.

The only events that will cost students money is the Battle of the Bands Wednesday, comic night Thursday and the talent show Friday, all of which will cost \$2.

"We hope to bring in a large, diversified crowd this year, especially at the Battle of

the Bands, because we have a wide variety of music styles," Sullivan said.

Northwest Week events include a movie night at the Hangar and a pizza eating contest later in the week along with many others.

Sullivan said that she would encourage everyone to attend and show their school spirit.

"I know that when I was a freshman, I was able to see something different every day," Sullivan said. "It was really a neat experience."

Though some of the events have changed over the past 12 years, Vansaghi said the main tradition of Northwest Week is still alive.

"I'm thrilled that this event has continued for so many years and maintains much of what we had intended," Vansaghi said.

Schedule of events

Monday-KZLX BBQ, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bell Tower

Tuesday-Pancake feed, 9 to 11 a.m., Wesley Center

**Wednesday-Pizza contest, 11 a.m., Bell Tower
Battle of the Bands, 6 to midnight, Conference Center**

Thursday-Games, noon to 4 p.m., Bell Tower

Comic night, 7 p.m., Ballroom

Friday-Talent show, 7 p.m., Conference Center



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Several University organizations will unite next week for the annual Northwest Week. Festivities for the inaugural I Love Northwest Week, predecessor to Northwest Week, were sponsored in 1991 by Student Senate and spearheaded by future Board of Regents member Juan Rangel (left) and Vice President for University Relations Tom Vansaghi (right).

University continues support, information on war with Iraq

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the United States was preparing for a possible war with Iraq in mid-February, Diana Schnarrenberger was busy making a banner for one of Northwest's reserves at war.

Students employed as local on-air hosts for public radio station KXCV-FM have also been preparing for war.

The white banner stating, "We miss you Dr. (Mark) Corson," featured hundreds of signatures and messages.

Schnarrenberger, a teacher's assistant for Corson, created the banner all on her own.

"We sent him the banner, and he thought it was awesome," Schnarrenberger said. "Everyone likes him, and it's hard to have him gone. We hope to have him back soon."

Corson, associate professor of geography, was deployed to Fort Riley Feb. 9. Since that time, he has been away from his family, friends and students. Corson is the commander of a 450-member transportation battalion of the Army Reserves.

As the United States enters the second week of the war in Iraq, Schnarrenberger thought back to the Vietnam War.

"I survived through Vietnam," Schnarrenberger said. "I dared people that didn't return...I had him as a teacher, and some day I hope to be a colleague of his."

Since the first week of February, professors in the geography department have been filling in Corson's classes.

Department chair Greg Haddock is teaching Corson's Introduction to Geography class. He said Corson is scheduled to teach next fall.

"We think that is the best plan," Haddock said. "We're hoping he comes back by then. We don't want to erase him completely."

Associate professor Ted Goudge is also covering one of Corson's classes.

"If I didn't have to teach Corson's class, I'd have my desk a little clearer," Goudge said jokingly as he cleared a pile of books and papers from his desk. "Everyone understands the situation. (The department professors) are proud that we have a person in the department that is serving...In a sense, we feel like we're making a sacrifice for the war effort."

Schnarrenberger said the banner contained messages from 200 students that e-mailed the department. There is also a box in the geography office where students can send letters and messages to Corson, she said.

Schnarrenberger is ready for Corson to come back to school.

"I think everyone is ready for him to tell us new war stories," Schnarrenberger said. "Knowing Dr. Corson, he will use his experiences from this war for his military geography class. He'll have good stories."

Family, friends and students of those called to action were not the only ones affected by the war in Iraq. Because of increased coverage of the war, students were briefed Monday by Maj. Brian Stackhouse of the Northwest ROTC. Stackhouse, a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War, provided students with a general understanding of the region. KXCV news director Kirk Wayman said the instruction was vital for on-air hosts to provide accurate information to listeners.

"This is a great opportunity for the students because it really allows them to pick the brains of the military," Wayman said. "The more sharing of information there is, it's better for our people, and it's better for listeners."

The short instruction based from many of Stackhouse's experiences included a brief overview of Saddam Hussein's Republican Guard, possible situations of U.S. prisoners of war in the



PHOTO BY ABBY SIMONS/MANAGING EDITOR

Major Brian Stackhouse educates the KXCV-FM staff. Stackhouse is a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War. The current war began March 19 at 7 p.m. "The more we know about it, the more we can communicate with the public," said Kirk Wayman, KXCV news director.

hands of Iraqi soldiers and the geography and climate of Iraq, a factor that has hindered coalition forces in their march toward Baghdad.

"There's no mountains, there's no rivers, there's no trees, there's no nothing," Stackhouse said. "It definitely makes navigation difficult for the troops."

Stackhouse also spoke of the sandstorms currently plaguing Iraq, which, beyond slowing missions, are also hazardous for vital weapons.

"During sandstorms, sand gets in everything," he said. "It's very dangerous for weapons systems. You name it, we have it, it doesn't work well with the sand

and dust."

Nathan Chervak, a senior interactive digital media major and KXCV local host, said the session was not only valuable to him and his fellow hosts but also vital. While the station switches to NPR for coverage of breaking news on the war, Chervak said it is important to be informed locally.

"The more we know about this, the better we can communicate with the public, even with pronunciations," Chervak said. "Whenever we're the people telling others about it, we definitely need to know what we're talking about."

Northwest alumna publishes first book

Former *Missourian* editor to release book, *Sammy's Red Shirt*, this summer

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Traveling around the world and free-lancing, all while being retired is desirable for people nearing that particular age in their life; but some may not get the opportunity.

However, Reva Jo Gordon, a Northwest alumna, is doing exactly that.

After graduating from Northwest in 1949, Gordon went on to work throughout the Midwest as both a high school teacher and librarian. In June, Gordon will release her first company-published book, *Sammy's Red Shirt*.

While at Northwest, Gordon was the editor in chief of *The Northwest Missourian*. She said she wrote mainly front page stories as well as editorials.

"Ever since I was the editor of *The Northwest Missourian*," Gordon said, "that got me into my job."

At *The Northwest Missourian*, she and the staff received the No. 1 rating in 'B-Class School.' During that time, Division II schools, with the school size similar to Northwest, were considered 'B-Class' and bigger schools were 'A-Class' schools.

Even though journalism has changed over the last 53 years, Gordon said one person in particular made an impact on her life.

"(Journalism professor) Violette Hunter was very interested in me and very inspiring, and all the faculty was friendly."

Gordon met her husband at North-

west, and they lived in Malvern, Iowa, and St. Joseph before settling in Flushing, Mich. Between being a full-time librarian, mother of two and a grandmother of four, she found time to travel around the world.

She has been to every state in the United States, with the exceptions of Alaska and Nevada. She has also been to 11 European countries including Russia, Israel, Egypt, Mexico and Canada.

Despite being on the road and in the sky, Gordon has published articles, short stories and produced a self-published book. Not only that, but she has been working on *Sammy's Red Shirt* for the last eight years.

Over that eight-year period, Gordon has re-written the book five times, and she completely re-wrote the book on one occasion.

"I had some people read it, and they didn't like the characters," Gordon said, "so I had to change it...I worked really hard on it."

The 216-page novel takes place in Flint, Mich., and involves a young boy and a homeless girl.

"I saw a little girl taking care of a little boy, and I thought about it for a while," Gordon said. "It was very unique...It's very amusing, but it has good morals."

The book will be published in March, but Gordon said the book won't be available at bookstores until April.

After being away from college life for more than 50 years, Gordon still keeps in touch with her classmates.

"We've been very fortunate in keeping track of people," Gordon said. "...Those were some of the happiest years of my life. The kids were friendly, and there weren't any cliques. I enjoyed myself immensely."

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Local schools suffer crowds, look for expansion

Eugene Field Elementary and Maryville High School are in need of more space

By Alexi Groumoutis
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Patrons of the Maryville R-II school district will have the opportunity to vote on April 8 to renovate and expand Maryville High School and Eugene Field Elementary School.

Proposition 2 is a bond issue proposal requesting Maryville R-II school district patrons to give the school board permission to borrow funds to execute the expansion project of two schools.

Jim Blackford and Roger Baker are the co-chairs for Maryville Citizens for Education, a group

formed in February to inform voters of Proposition 2. Since February, Baker said his organization has attended different civic organizations and school functions to inform the public about the proposal.

Baker said the response to the proposition has been positive, especially since taxes will not increase.

"People realize (schools need) to be updated," Baker said. "It's not going to increase their taxes. It's like getting a house refinanced, but your mortgage rate stays the same, so you build another room."

Baker said the renovations are necessary for basic needs. He said the elementary school needs new

plumbing and window replacements, among many other things. Also, the media center at the high school is below current standards required by the state. Baker said renovations would cost \$7.35 million.

Blackford said now is the ideal time to begin renovations because interest rates and construction rates are low.

Like Baker, Blackford said he also expects a favorable response come voting time. But if proposition 2 fails to pass, the elementary school built in 1928 and the high school built in 1965 will still need renovations.

"These needs that have been identified don't go away," Blackford

said. "They'll be forced to take a look at the areas that have safety concerns and address them in some kind of manner."

Senior Maryville High School student Kathryn Beeles favors Proposition 2. Beeles said students are forced to walk outside when going from the high school to the technical school.

"We need the extra addition on there to bring us up to date and make it more comfortable for the students," Beeles said. "We wouldn't have to go outside in the pouring rain or a blizzard if a hallway connected the two buildings together."

Baker said he toured the schools and hopes others will do the same.

"It's an eye-opening experience, seeing what (students and teachers) have to deal with on a day to day basis," Baker said.

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KATHRYN BEELES
MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR



PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON

Maryville high school students take their daily walk outside from the science building back to the main building. If passed Proposition 2 will provide students with a connected walkway.

City lacks but supports minorities

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

As the city of Maryville strives to accept diversity in the community, they welcome the few who call the community their home.

According to a 2000 census taken by the Nodaway County Regional Council, 96.6 percent of the county's residents are white.

The census does include the minority population in rural Maryville. However, most of Maryville's minority population comes from Northwest community members who reside in the town.

Even though Nodaway County's communities only have a 3.4 percent minority population, Matt Chestnut, Maryville city manager, said the city welcomes anyone who will come to live here.

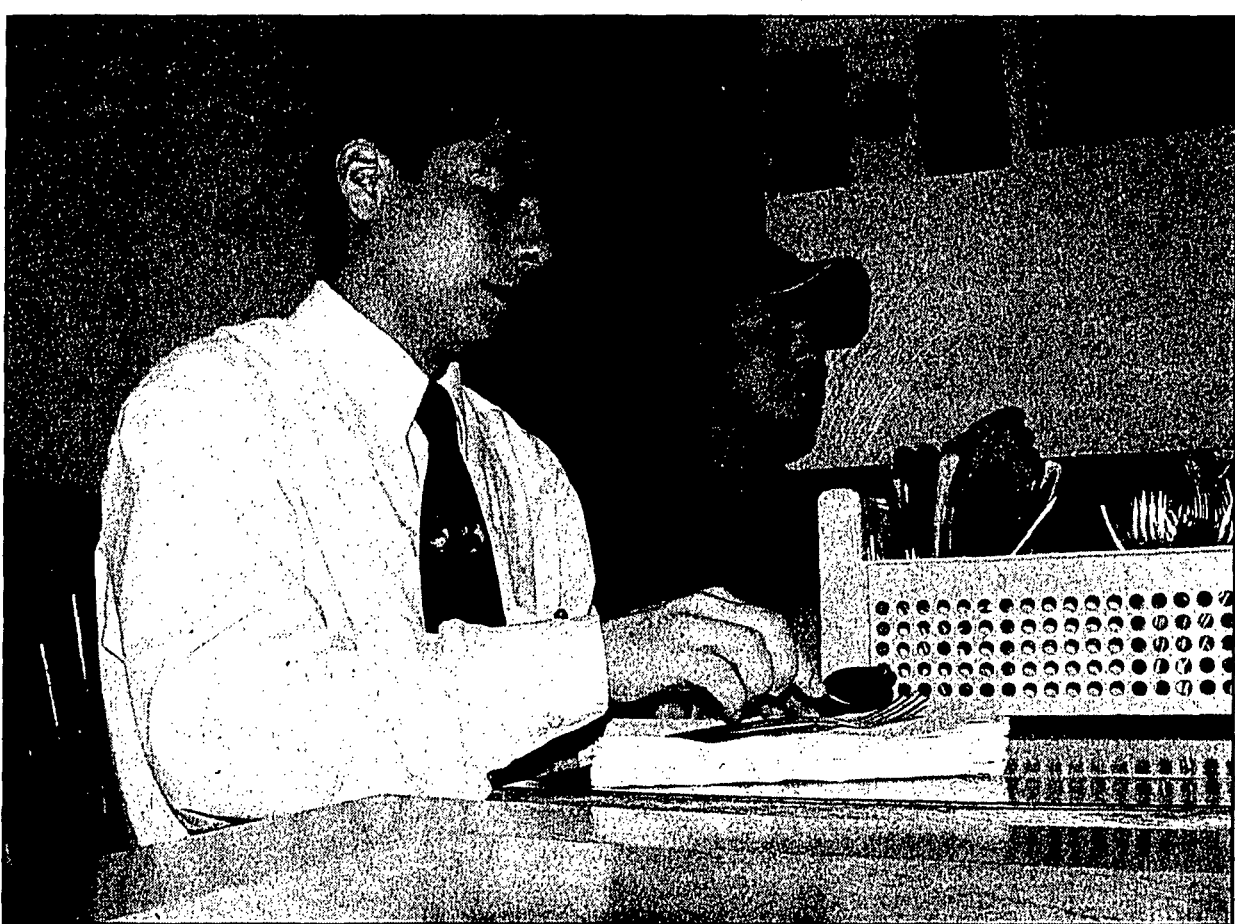
"We do not discriminate on who we want to live in Maryville," Chestnut said. "The things we offer, we can offer to everyone."

One member of the 3.4 percent is Alberto Cortes, manager of La Bonita Restaurant. He moved to Maryville from Tennessee two years ago to establish his business. When he first arrived in Maryville he found the town to be small and quiet.

"It is a great town," Cortes said. "I love everything."

Cortes said he does not feel segregated in Maryville because the people are so friendly, but he said the language spoken in conversations is very complex.

Sometimes he said the language



Lucio Garrera S. Jorge (left) and Israel Gonzalez Martinez are at work at La Bonita Restaurant in Maryville. They are just two of Maryville's

minorities. "Sometimes I have to deal with people who seem to not accept me, maybe because I am different than them," Jorge said.

barrier makes it difficult to communicate.

Because he works all the time at La Bonita, Cortes said, he is not able to truly experience the culture of Maryville. However, Cortes and his family have shared the Mexican culture with Maryville through La Bonita.

"We try to show the customer how the Mexican people live through our environment," Cortes said.

Di Liu can relate to Cortes because he is also a minority who owns a restaurant in town. Liu's Red Lantern provides inexpensive but quality American Chinese food to the community.

Liu moved to Maryville this year to open his business.

Liu said he is really proud of Maryville and the opportunity he has to run his

business here.

"We try and serve the customers the best we can so they are happy," Liu said.

Liu also said he also has had no issues living here.

However, Jesse Haynes, coordinator of minority affairs for Northwest, feels there is a lack of diversity in the community of Maryville.

"When you are in a rural community, it's going to be harder to attract minorities," Haynes said.

Haynes said he sees no efforts being made by the city to encourage minorities to move to Maryville. He also said Maryville needs more opportunities for minorities to be employed in community businesses or more businesses established in Maryville.

"You can't expect people to move into

a town when there are no jobs available," Haynes said.

Haynes believes minorities are accepted in the community, but the community is not supporting the multicultural activities presented by minority students from the Northwest campus.

"Students make efforts to connect with the community, but the community makes no effort to connect with multicultural students," Haynes said.

Haynes said a proclamation may have been made in February in honor of Black Achievement Month, but the community needs to make an effort to support popularly celebrated minority holidays like Cinco de Mayo and Juneteenth (a holiday celebrating black freedom on June 19th).

PHOTO BY KARA SWINK/WEB LIAISON

Residents to decide fate of tourism tax proposition

By STEPHANIE SUCKOW
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

The cost of a room and bed in Maryville is under consideration as the City Council decided Monday to allow an election to take place regarding a tourism tax that would add 5 percent to hotel and motel bills.

Before the decision was made to allow the election to take place, council members heard from residents who would be positively and negatively affected by the tax.

Chuck Hetrick, manager of Maryville's Comfort Inn, began the discussion by explaining that his business would be negatively affected with the addition of a tourism tax.

"An increase in-room rent would directly have a negative affect on occupancy," Hetrick said. "Business would undoubtedly leak into St. Joseph because they have only a 3 percent tax."

Hetrick said he believes this type of tax would not be beneficial in Maryville because it only works in heavy tourism areas.

"Motels don't fill up with golf tournaments at Moberly or with University events," Hetrick said. "People only come to town to make a living."

Mark Gregg, Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce president, said he agreed with Hetrick on the fact that Maryville lacks a large amount of tourists, although Gregg said he sees this as an underlying reason to instill the tax.

"There are far more things Maryville has to offer than just the University and Moberly," Gregg

said. "We can use the money from this tax as a stepping stone used to promote Maryville."

Lisa Luke, Chamber director, said she agrees with Gregg and brought up further activities that could be advertised to attract tourists.

"The unique water treatment plant and the work United Electric and the University are doing are interesting technologies that people would like to see," Luke said. "Maryville does have other opportunities available to fill the days when rooms aren't normally filled."

Gregg said he wants to use this money as part of a campaign to entice more people to visit Maryville. The money that would be received through the tax would be used for promotional brochures, ads and possibly on salary for someone hired to promote the city.

An election will be held June 3 to allow citizens of Maryville to decide the outcome of the tourism tax.

In other business, a policy manual was discussed regarding the new community center that is expected to open on May 5 with the grand opening occurring at 10 a.m. June 7.

A decision was made to change the name of the Maryville Memorial Airport to the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport as part of an overall goal to make the airport regional in order to attract more air traffic.

The additions of a jet ski to the Moberly lake patrol and the purchase of covered docks were also approved.

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Our View

Place aside the differing views

Opposing groups protesting and supporting the war in Iraq should unite for U.S. troops

With war once again dominating international news coverage, countless rallies and protests have surfaced around the globe. But while controversy over the reasons for the United States' involvement in Iraq is to be expected, there should be no question about the support for troops currently stationed in active duty.

The battle has begun, so what sense is there in disputing something already in progress? There is no way now for the Bush administration to pull out of the Middle East and simply pass it off as a fluke on the part of the government.

What American citizens should be focused on instead is backing the Armed Forces that are fighting a war they did not have a choice in instigating.

The men and women who have been shipped overseas are merely doing the job given to them by the U.S. government. The Bush administration may have been wrong in reopening the wounds received from the Persian Gulf War over a decade ago, and they may have not. The fact still remains that there are American troops fighting and dying so the citizens left here will live.

Therefore, protesting the war is one thing, but there is no excuse for not wishing well the soldiers stationed in armed battle.

U.S. Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis., said much the same.

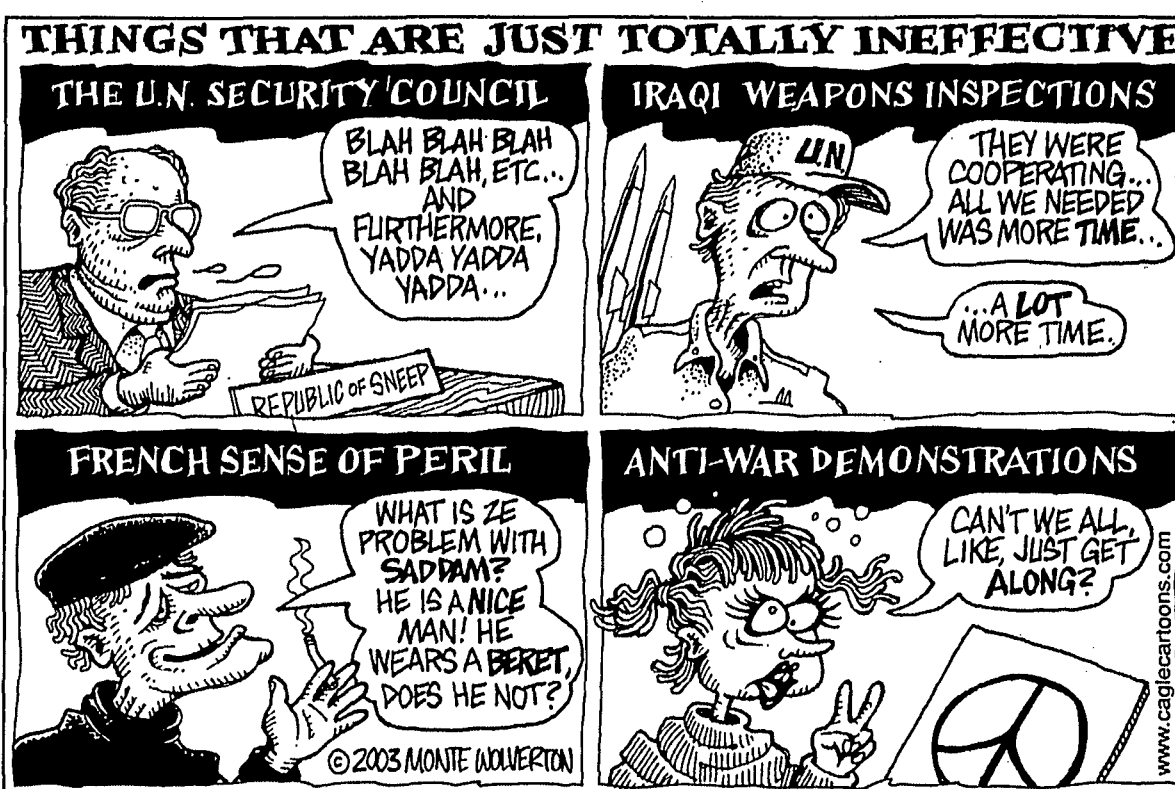
"These brave troops have my unconditional support, and I pray for their safe and quick return. (However), I will continue to oppose this war. To oppose an unjust position of this government is an American right."

No doubt about that.

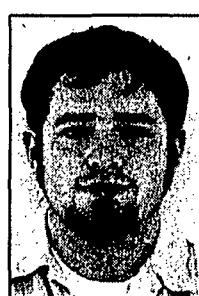
No doubt, either, that those on both sides of the issue love this country and would like its dignity preserved; a dignity shaken by the events of Sept. 11.

Whatever the stance on the decisions of the Bush administration, the facts still remain. This is still a war on terror. Americans are still dying for that cause and for that dignity.

Unanimous approval of this war is not likely, but citizens of these United States should, at the very least, band together in support of the men and women who have chosen to put their lives at risk for America's continued freedom from terror.



The Fire this Time



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Columunist lists reasons why war in Iraq is wrong

So, it's finally begun. For most of us, we're off to fight another war with the bravery of being out of range. And while the primary perpetrators—George W. Bush and Tony Blair—can and should be tried for war crimes (right along with their old buddy Saddam), you and I are entirely complicit. They and so many others depend on our forgetfulness so that we'll pay for this murderous war.

Luckily for them, forgetfulness is one of our national pastimes, so we're damn good at it. Here's a limited sample of the many, many things we must continually forget to let this war take place. We must forget:

■ That even the CIA said that Iraq had nothing to do with September 11—yes, despite all his efforts, Rumsfeld could never produce that "bulletproof evidence" he lied to us about (yet half of us still think Saddam was involved).

■ That this is a flagrant violation of the

U.S. Constitution and international law. Pre-emptive strike is illegal and creates a dangerous precedent for other nations to wage illegal war.

■ That inspections destroyed more Iraqi weapons during the '90s than our ceaseless bombing of Iraq (since the beginning of the Gulf War).

■ That, in the last 30 years of advanced war, 90 percent of the casualties have been civilian.

■ That, according (again) to the CIA, Iraq (a fifth-rate joke of a military power) posed no direct threat to the United States.

■ That we supported Hussein during and after the very atrocities we now cite as justifications for war.

■ That the war veteran and doctor the military hired to help prepare our soldiers for the first Gulf War says over a quarter million U.S. soldiers and their children (not to mention millions of Iraqis) are suffering because of depleted uranium chemical weapons we used in that conflict.

■ That, while the chickenhawks in the Bush administration dismissed dissenters as cowards and appeasers, U.S. generals Zinni (former commander of all Middle East forces), Clark (former commander of all NATO forces) and Schwarzkopf (commander of Gulf War forces) all spoke against the war.

■ That George Bush Sr. and Bill Clinton both told Iraq we would not lift the brutal economic sanctions even if they completely complied with our demands.

■ That New York City, the city most immediately affected by 9/11, and 159 other U.S. cities and counties passed resolutions against the war.

■ That this is the first time all our nation's major labor unions, representing millions of Americans, have openly opposed a U.S. war.

■ That the president refused to meet with representatives from the world's major religious denominations, including from his own church, because they wanted to urge against the war.

■ That women's groups in Afghanistan have been trying to tell the president about the devastation and chaos his last war of "lib-

eration" has left their country.

■ That we openly knew this war would put millions at the immediate risk of starvation, create 5 million refugees, and cost 500,000 civilian casualties.

■ That, in the name of Iraqi civilians, we called for over 3,000 bombs dropped in two days in a "Shock and Awe" campaign that was to dwarf Hiroshima (according to the Pentagon) and is a perfect example of the U.S. Army's definition of terrorism.

■ That we pretend to care about Iraqi Kurds while paying for Turkey's open oppression of Turkish Kurds.

■ That the world's leading human rights organization says that the United States is using Iraq's record "selectively to legitimize military actions."

■ That disarmament was working, despite its problems, according to U.N. Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

■ That Powell's "case" delivered to the Security Council has since been almost entirely discredited as a laughable set of fabrications.

■ That reducing the entire world to "them" and "us" is illogical, anti-democratic and, more than anything, gravely dangerous.

■ That Dick Cheney's oil company, Halliburton, has already signed contracts to benefit from Iraq's 112 billion barrels of oil.

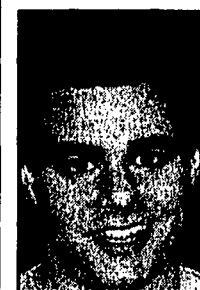
■ That President Bush has alienated us from our closest allies and will likely drastically increase terrorism against us by going forward with this war.

In fact, the only thing we are supposed to remember is September 11, because that day was a moment of horror for us and for the world in a place that is not used to those kinds of moments. And, if we continue to willfully forget so much, this administration will continue to use our remembrance of September 11 as a license to do whatever they want.

But it is possible for us to stop this forgetting. The Bush administration and their media allies have attacked those who question them as near-criminals, but questioning them—and stopping them, when necessary—is our job. As another U.S. president once said, "To announce that...we are to stand by the president, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally repugnant to the American public."

Your View

How do you feel about the constant media coverage of Operation Iraqi Freedom?



"The media coverage is an important way to counterbalance the propaganda machine that is Iraqi television and al-Jazeera."

Steve Ketcham
PUBLIC RELATIONS



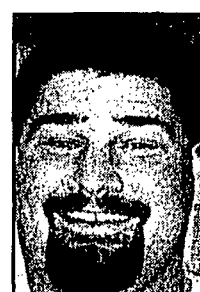
"We went to having all of these reality TV shows to almost 24 hours of coverage. It's addicting, almost like a movie itself."

Emily Kittle
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



"I am taking a neutral stance. I am glad that they are relaying info to the U.S. citizens, but I don't think that they should be covering every little detail. The Armed Forces should already know what's going on."

Erin Lundergran
MARKETING



"The media is getting in the way. The media is not even reporting accurate information in some cases. They should have their facts straight before they report."

Cliff Owings
GEOGRAPHY



"It is important to inform America about what is going on with the war. It is important only as long as the information hits the correct audience and not our enemies."

Enza Solano
MARKETING MANAGEMENT

Letter to the Editor

Longtime reader cautions liberal columnist that history of political party can repeat itself.

Dear Jed,

I am a long time reader of yours and have grown to appreciate the service that you provide to your audience. The disagreements that your opponents voice towards your opinion causes further frustration because of the eloquence you possess in describing them. However, as you continue to dispel your opinions as you are entitled to do, it is important to also see them in a historical context and their implications for the future.

Your opinions reflect the liberal left wing of the Democratic Party, an element that former President

Bill Clinton attempted to distance himself from by chairing the Democratic Leadership Council in the 1980s and creating a centrist image for the party or as a 'New Democrat.' His success of retaining this image convinced a plurality of the American electorate to elect him president and re-elect him four years later.

Going back further, it should be remembered that Clinton worked as a coordinator of the George McGovern campaign in 1972. Democratic Party nominee George McGovern identified with the anti-Vietnam War and liberal left wing

of the party. Labeled as a radical, McGovern lost the election to Nixon with only 37 percent of the popular vote as the incumbent soared to re-election. Interesting enough, Nixon did this after barely beating Hubert Humphrey by less than one percent in 1968.

Does this sound familiar? Fast forward to the contentious election of 2000. Resulting in a statistical tie, it would appear that the two parties are on a level playing field. However, 9/11 changed that, and now, Americans are looking for leadership over partisanship. The historical midterm election of 2002

only augments this statement.

The division that exists in the Democratic Party today is similar to where the party stood when McGovern faced Nixon. Whereas some Democratic presidential candidates, notably Joseph Lieberman and John Edwards support the Iraqi war, other candidates, such as Howard Dean and Richard Gephardt, are adamantly opposed. If the Democratic Party decides to nominate a candidate that reflects the liberal left wing with strong opposition to the Iraqi war, it wouldn't be surprising to see the 1972 election repeat itself with Bush

soaring to re-election.

I write this because it is individuals like you that are deeply committed and active in the outcomes of elections. If you choose to work for a candidate that represents the liberal left wing of the Democratic Party, be mindful of the lessons that history can teach you. It has been known to repeat itself before.

HAWKEYE WILSON, '96
WASHINGTON D.C.

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"I really didn't appreciate getting the butt of the turkey in my turkey sandwich at the Union today."

MyView

Support for future must overcome disgust for war



SARAH ELIZABETH DITTMANN
COPY EDITOR

A child lies dead on the ground, covered in dust. What was once the child's scalp is now no more than strips of flesh mingled with shards of skull.

The remains of a man, his face the only distinguishing evidence that the mass of blood and shredded organs was once a human being, decay in the blistering Iraqi sun.

Callously arranged bodies of uniformed soldiers, Americans, litter the floor of a barren room in Iraq. At least two have been shot in the forehead.

Four surviving American soldiers are interviewed by Iraqi television. Shadows of fear and confusion are evident in their eyes.

This is the price of war. This is the price the United States pays for its liberties and lifestyles.

This is the price the world pays to rid the world of tyranny and oppression.

This is a war of ideals. Yes, they are American ideals, but they also belong to humanity as a whole. Since the beginning of recorded history,

humans seeking freedom from oppression have fought against those seeking power over the weak.

U.S. soldiers are fighting alongside militaries from other countries in a coalition for security, safety and liberation.

Yet so many U.S. citizens and citizens of the world stand against them through antiwar protests.

These demonstrators are privileged to live in places where they are allowed to speak their minds openly, even if to dissent the government's opinion.

Soldiers right now are fighting to earn those very rights for the citizens of Iraq.

Demonstrators say they are protesting the war because they want to bring soldiers home. But people do not join the military to stay home. The purpose of the military is to defend the nation.

Our soldiers are not hawks who think it is the duty of the United States to patrol the world. However, they are patriots who believe it is their duty to protect the security and values of the nation.

"Prepare for war; pray for peace" is the sentiment expressed by one member of the Armed Forces.

Several protesters have stated that they are supporting the troops by protesting the war. This sentiment, as well-meaning as it is, is not possible.

It cannot be easy for a soldier knowing that a large portion of the world opposes what he or she is doing.

These protests, especially in America, only hurt the morale of the military.

People have every right to protest

the war, and often it is an act of patriotism, but, by exercising that right, they must realize that they are protesting the troops, too.

If protesters are truly in support of the troops but simply wish the United States hadn't had to turn to war, perhaps a more powerful demonstration would be to raise money for humanitarian aid to Iraq. Such an act would not be detrimental to military morale, but, instead, a much more powerful act of generosity and compassion.

War is here. There is no going back, no matter how large, violent, peaceful or numerous the protests.

There will be more death, more suffering and more misery.

But one thing must be remembered: "The purpose of all war is ultimately peace" (St. Augustine).

Out of death will come intellectual life. Out of suffering will come freedom from strife. And out of misery will come deliverance.

Instead of concentrating on the evils of war, the world needs to focus on the good that will come out of it in the end.

Support the ousting of a dictator who uses women and children as shields for his military.

Support the sacrifices of international troops who are fighting this war to protect those who are not fighting it.

Support the imminent triumph of freedom over oppression.

Most of all, support a brighter future for all the citizens of the world.

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MyView

Media's war coverage dangerously overdone



PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Exactly 48 hours after President Bush addressed the nation March 17, a frenzy began.

And it wasn't just the troops that invaded Iraq, but it was the media attention that began at 7 p.m. on March 19. Since that time, more and more coverage has been concentrated on Iraq in the form of photos, television clips and newspaper articles.

All of that raises the question, how much is too much? Not only that, but as a managing editor for The New York Times or the news director at CNN, where do you draw the line for having reporters cover the war and putting them in a deadly situation?

On every major station, from CNBC to CBS, coverage of the war has been virtually wall to wall. But is it necessary? Sure, stations that

survive solely on 24-hour news coverage may have an argument, but I don't need Dan Rather to sit at his desk in New York telling me the United States is at war.

Call me a sports fanatic, but was it vital that CBS move all of the first round basketball games of the NCAA men's basketball tournament to ESPN to have "war analysts" dissect the obvious? On March 20, I almost choked on my Wheaties when I was looking for the North Carolina State-California game but instead found Rather at his desk. Luckily, ESPN had open airtime all afternoon because the troops rely on basketball to feel a sense of "normalcy" as much as the average Joe.

Aside from that, is it necessary for streaming video of fighting between Iraqis and the Americans? The big whigs at news agencies will tell you this is a "televized war," but it is only a televised war because they want it to be.

Unlike Vietnam or the Gulf War, people are not being told by the government how well or how bad the United States is doing. Instead, they can see it for themselves. But it has gone over the line, and now, children are glued to the television set, watching things Vietnam veterans still can't get over: snipers, bombs, guns and death of soldiers.

Not only is there live footage of the bombings at 8 p.m. Iraqi time,

but there are reporters on television giving the "play by play." But as they talk, it is hard to make out their face because of the green glow that goes over the screen. As they come onto the screen, they tell us, "We can not tell you where we are located."

Here is an idea: If you cannot tell us your location, maybe that is a sign that you should not be over there. Not only is it dangerous for them, but as the news streams across stations, Iraqi officials can pick up on things they did not know before.

As deaths of British and U.S. Armed Forces are mounting, it could get worse. Australian and British media professionals have been captured, and if U.S. media experts stay over in Iraq, the same could happen to them.

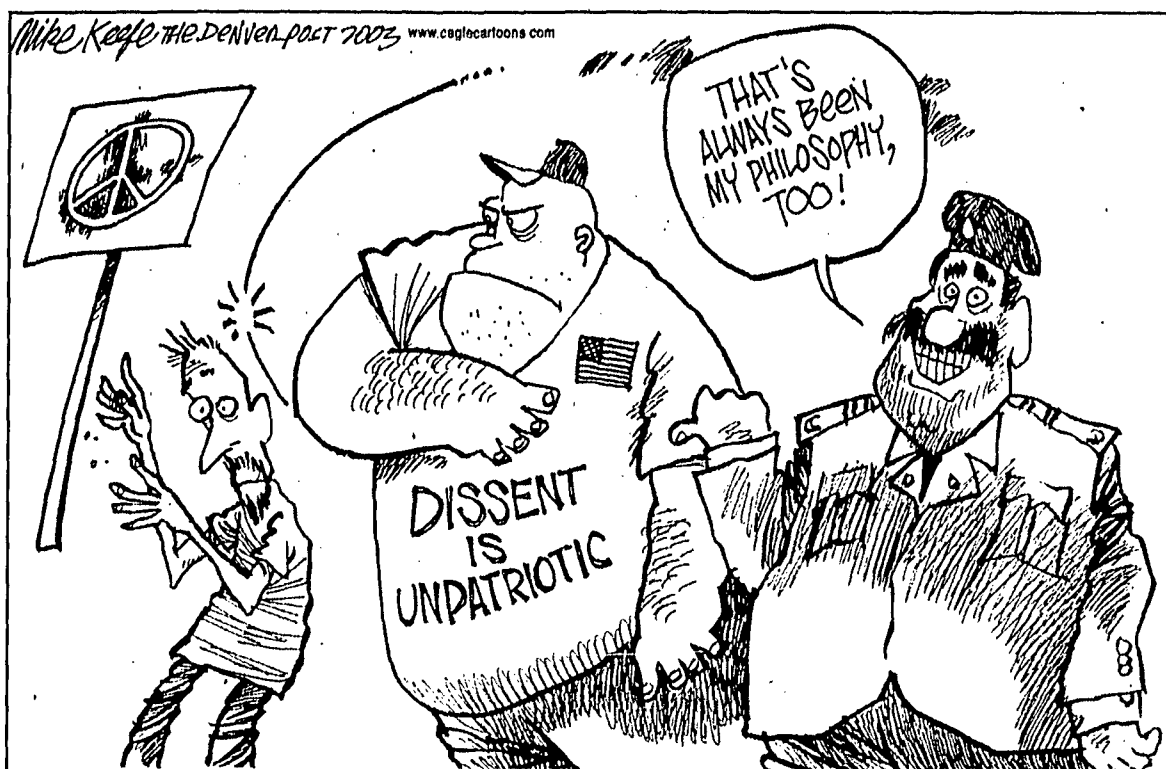
As President Bush stated March 17 in his speech, "All journalists should leave Iraq." The exact opposite has happened.

Arguably more media outlets are sending representatives "to get the story."

We already know the story: we're at war. For journalists across the country and across the world, they have to tell themselves exactly that.

As they board a plane to leave for Iraq, they should ask the question, "Is the story worth as much as my life?"

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National View On... War in Iraq

Minnesotan argues war is justified, humane

By STEVEN SNYDER
MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS - "War is stupid." The childish, immature sign seemed to say it all.

At recent protests in Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago, signs like this have appeared, demonstrating the outright idiocy of many opposed to the United States' current incursion into Iraq. They are not interested in discussing the issues surrounding this conflict, not concerned with the brutal and disgusting actions of Iraq's leader. No, they want to protest the general concept of war. Guns, deaths, bombing...it's all just too scary!

Wake up, people. There is evil in this world. Germany's Nazis, the United States' Ku Klux Klan, China's suppression of expression and, yes, Iraq's Saddam Hussein. And these fascists, racists, communists and predators do not respond kindly to "please" and "thank you."

Although it might seem like a contradiction, we are engaged in a humane war.

I see the statement "Stop the Racism" on anti-American propaganda around town. Exactly what racism are these people referring to? Hussein tortures his own citizens. He has killed them with biological weapons. There are reports he has sent those from his inner circle out to the battlefields to ensure, with force, that his troops do not surrender. He has upheld a regime that violates U.N. resolutions resulting in embargoes that starve his population.

In contrast, the United States has entered this conflict with a shockingly humane policy. It attempted a pre-emptive strike against Hussein—targeting the leader, not the people. It has dropped leaflets instructing Iraqi soldiers how to avoid harm and surrender easily. It has committed itself toward keeping Iraqi oil as a source of income for a free

Iraq. George W. Bush did not rush in. He offered the Iraqi leader an ultimatum, and Hussein's selfishness persisted. If Hussein had left, would the United States have entered a conflict? I seriously doubt it.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of Iraqi troops have already surrendered, eagerly welcoming U.S. and allied troops. The soldiers, the Kurds and Iraq's neighbors are all embracing the possibility of a peaceful and stable future.

Sometimes I wonder if these protesters know anything about Iraq, its torture chambers or its history. Hussein came to power and killed those in the government who opposed him.

Some are claiming Bush failed at diplomacy. How exactly, may I ask, did he fail at the United Nations? He went in, presented evidence, formed a coalition and approached other U.N. Security Council nations about a resolution. He was one vote short of passing that resolution when, inexplicably, France sabotaged the process, promising to veto any resolution authorizing action.

It is the same as telling a ballplayer, "OK Johnny, go out there and play shortstop. I just want you to know that your team is definitely going to lose." Why would young Johnny go out to play? Similarly, why would any country vote for a resolution that is guaranteed to publicly fail?

What happened in the United Nations was a vote on U.S. popularity, nothing more. Some countries don't like that we have power, perhaps appropriately. We are arrogant. We have made mistakes in the past. But what about Iraq?

Give the inspectors more time, France said. More time? For what? For almost a decade, they have been given the run-around by the Iraqi government. Secretary of State Colin Powell provided pictures of the biological trucks that drive from site to site, evading inspectors. Iraqi scientists have been threatened by the government into silence. When banned

materials are found in Iraq, the country's response seems to be "Oops! We'll destroy 'em now, we promise."

Is this kindergarten? They are violating international law.

To make matters worse, chief weapons inspector Hans Blix withheld information. Buried in a 100-page report, news emerged of automated planes designed by Iraq to drop chemical weapons on targets. But did he mention this to the Security Council? No! And with this bickering, voting became an impossibility. The United States, Britain and a dozen other countries had to go it alone.

To shame, protesters said.

But now look at what has happened. The use of chemical weapons is all but assumed by the world. Hussein has already used Scud missiles and other weapons it claimed it no longer possessed. Iraq's neighbors, including Jordan, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, are embracing the U.S. mission. Jordan has accepted thousands of refugees. Turkey has even sent in troops to help with the refugee issue.

Countries from Spain to Japan, which were hesitant to support the United States, have offered their complete support since.

And little can support my argument better than France's response to the U.S. war. Lined in their U.N. veto, France noted: "If Saddam Hussein were to use chemical or biological weapons, this would change the situation completely and immediately for the French government."

Think about that statement. They believe he has weapons. They always have. They just wanted to flex their muscle against the United States. France is like a bratty child, with an attitude and flawed logic.

This is why Bush should no longer resort to this ridiculous forum of global diplomacy. This is why, as Baghdad begins to rebuild, the United Nations will begin to crumble into irrelevance.

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■ IM bowling

■ No school, Maryville schools staff development day

■ Horace Mann visiting day, 7:50 a.m. to 3 p.m., Horace Mann Lab School

■ Sister Circle forum, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., Conference Center

Mon. 1st ■ Northwest week

■ "Crazy for You," Encore 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center

■ IM co-rec 2-on-2 basketball entries close, noon

Fri. 28th ■ District Music Contest

■ Thomas Gipe sculpture exhibit closes

■ Rummage sale, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Gregory's Church

■ Annual 4-H Basketball Tournament, West Nodaway School

Tues. 1st ■ Northwest week

■ April Fool's day

■ Spring agriculture career development events

■ Tower Service Awards Banquet, 5 p.m., Union Ballroom

■ Lion Tamers Anonymous, 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church

Sat. 29th ■ Celebration of Quality

■ District music contest

■ C-BASE, 8 a.m., third floor, Colden Hall

■ Thrift store prom, 8 p.m., Union Boardroom

■ Department of Agriculture Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Union Ballroom

■ Rummage Sale, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Gregory's Church

■ Annual 4-H Basketball Tournament, West Nodaway School

■ Tenth annual Phi Mu 3-on-3 basketball tournament

Wed. 2nd ■ Northwest week

■ 1:10 p.m. dismissal, Maryville schools staff development

■ Pastor's Class, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., First Christian Church

■ VITA free income tax preparation, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 3400 Colden Hall

Sun. 30th ■ Ladies Living Free, 5:15 p.m., First Baptist Church

■ Fourth Sunday of Lent

■ Harpist concert, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theater

Thurs. 3rd ■ Northwest Week

■ GED, 7:50 a.m., 120 Wells Hall

■ Celebration Tour

■ Theatre: "Erogenous Zones," 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

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Henry Douglas Swink

Brian and Jennifer Swink, Maryville, are the parents of Henry Douglas, born March 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and joins one sister, Anna.

Maternal grandparents are David and Michelle Morris, O'Fallon. Paternal grandparents are Arnold and Sharon Swink, Drexel.

Maternal great-grandparents are Scott and Eugene Morris, O'Fallon, and Jean Vogt, Godfrey, Ill. Paternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Selma Tillman, Blue Springs, and Pauline Swink, Drexel.

Tagan Layne Barnard

Howard and Joella Barnard, Maitland, are the parents of Tagan Layne, born March 10 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 10 pounds, 8 ounces, and joins one brother, Tarik.

His maternal grandparents are J.R. and Janice Hanes, Skidmore. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Hellyer, Maryville, and Carl Barnard, St. Joseph.

Maternal great-grandparents are Willard and Wanda Munson, Skidmore, and Thelma Hanes, Ravenwood.

Stephen Henry Burn

Boyd and Jennifer Burn, Bedford, Iowa, are the parents of Stephen Henry, born March 19 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and joins one sister, Madelynn.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Donna Stephens, Mount Airy, Iowa. Paternal grandmother is Brenda Burn, Buffalo Creek, Colo.

Maternal great-grandparents are Lloyd and Mary Stephens and Grace Sackett, Mount Airy.

DEATHS

Iva L. Heller

Iva L. Heller, 85, Burlington Junction, died Thursday, March 13, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born July 31, 1917, to John and Ethel Kimpton in Gravity, Iowa.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald, Gene and Jerry; two daughters, Kay Shepard and Karen Miller; 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 17, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

June Moore

June Moore, 74, Maryville, died Thursday, March 13, at Parkdale Manor Care Center in Maryville.

She was born June 18, 1928, to Arthur and Elsie Mac Ross in Oxford, Mo.

She is survived by two sons, Richard and Larry; one daughter, DeAnn Wilkinson; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Loetta Mae "Lou" Bolich

Loetta Mae "Lou" Bolich, 67, Kansas City, Mo., died Friday, March 21, at her home.

She was born Aug. 23, 1935, to George and Leona Lynch in Lamar.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ellen Kent and Debrea Arlene Kelly; and one son, Steven Bolich.

Graveside services are Thursday, March 27, at National Cemetery, Fort Leavenworth, Tex.

Jack Lee Clemons

Jack Lee Clemons, 70, Bakersfield, Calif., died Thursday, March 13, in Bakersfield.

He was born May 5, 1932, to Ellis and Clarice Clemons in Barnard.

He is survived by two daughters, Roxann Starkey and her husband Dan, and Rhonda Thomas; one son, Roger; and his mother, Clarice Clemons.

Services were held Friday, March 21, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Miriam Cemetery.

Mildred Lucille Horn

Mildred Lucille Horn, 92, Maryville, died Wednesday, March 19, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Aug. 15, 1910, to William and Nora Mast in Skidmore.

She is survived by seven nephews, Ernest Lutz, Jon "Bud" Lutz, Joe Taylor, Roger Heineken, James Heineken, Terry Heineken and Randy Heineken; and a cousin, Mary King.

Services were held Saturday, March 22, at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Skidmore.

Paul N. Pruitt

Paul N. Pruitt, 88, Maryville, died Thursday, March 20, at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

He was born Oct. 8, 1914, to LeRoy and Helen Pruitt in Elmo.

He is survived by his wife Vivian; four sons, Paul, Robert, Richard and David; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 24, at the First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

Frank Puckett

Frank Puckett, 66, Maryville, died Monday, March 24, at Beverly Healthcare in Maryville.

He was born Aug. 31, 1936, to Millard and Jennie Puckett in rural Maryville.

He is survived by one son, Todd; one daughter, Lisa Puckett; his mother, Jennie Puckett; three brothers, three sisters, two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Mr. Puckett's body was cremated. No services were held.

PUBLIC SAFETY

March 13

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that the driver's side window of his vehicle had been broken while his vehicle was parked in the 100 block of South Main.

■ While conducting alcohol compliance checks in the 300 block of North Main, an officer observed a

group of individuals who appeared to be under the age of 21. Joy Hayes, 19, Mexico, Mo.; Holly Grefe, 19, Elwood, Neb.; Erica M. Sheeres, 20, Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Kelsie D. Sis, 19, Council Bluffs, were issued summonses for minor in possession.

March 14

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire in the 1900 block of East First. Upon arrival, the fire was brought under control and extinguished.

■ Officers received a report of property damage in the 600 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival, Troy D. Hutchcraft, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for property damage.

March 15

■ An officer observed an individual urinating in public in the 400 block of East Fifth Street. William E. Ciaramitaro, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for indecent exposure.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Eric L. Perry, 18, Maryville, for failure to appear. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held in lieu of bond.

March 16

■ Fire units responded to a brush fire one mile north of Wilcox at 223rd and Glacier Road. Upon arrival, the fire was brought under control and extinguished.

■ Fire units responded to a grass fire on West Main Street in Arkoe. Upon arrival, the fire was brought under control and extinguished.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of East First, an officer observed a vehicle whose passenger side brake light did not illuminate. The vehicle was stopped in the 600 block of East First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Amanda R. Goff, 21, Grant City. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete. She was also issued summonses for driving while suspended and equipment violation.

March 17

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken several power tools and a generator from a building in the 100 block of East Fourth.

■ An officer received a report of children left unattended in the 100 block of East Third Street. Upon arrival, Jolene D. Linville, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for child neglect.

■ Police received a report from a Maryville female that a dog in the 300 block of East Halsey had bitten her. Lori A. Gibbs, 36, Maryville, was issued a summons for keeping a vicious animal.

■ An officer served a Buchanan County warrant on Joni Bird, 27, Parnell, for failure to appear. She was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

March 18

■ Fire units responded to a possible carbon monoxide leak at a residence in the 300 block of East Jenkins. Upon arrival, the leak was determined to be coming from the range.

■ Rebecca L. Bears, 45, Barnard, was traveling south on South Main. Brenda Scott, 42, Maryville, was making a left turn onto South Main.

The Bears vehicle struck the Scott vehicle. Scott was issued a summons for failure to yield right of way from stop.

■ Toni C. Mackey, 25, Maryville, was stopped in traffic on North Main. Winter L. Owens, 22, Maryville, was traveling behind Mackey. The Owens vehicle struck the Mackey vehicle. Owens was issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

March 19

■ Fire units responded to a mutual aid call in Barnard. Upon arrival, the fire was brought under control and extinguished. The home was a complete loss.

March 20

■ An officer received a report of a dog at large in the 1100 block of East Thompson. Upon arrival, Michelle Singian, 29, Maryville, was issued summonses for penalty of licensing and dog at large.

■ John W. Boggs, 47, Maryville, and Deborah J. Sillers, 46, Fairfax, were stopped at the stop sign at West First Street. The Boggs vehicle struck the Sillers vehicle.

March 21

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had been assaulted in the 3800 block of East First. Melvin L. VanPelt, 54, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West South Avenue, an officer observed a vehicle in the parking lot of a closed business. Upon making contact, Jonathan D. Reed was issued summonses for minor in possession and open container. A male individual was referred to the Juvenile Office.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that a window of his residence in the 1500 block of East Edwards had been broken.

March 22

■ While on patrol in the 300 block of East Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle make a wide right turn into the oncoming lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Dewey. The driver of the vehicle was identified as George Wambaki, 27, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

March 23

■ While on patrol on East Third Street, an officer observed a vehicle traveling with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of North Charles. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Sean Thompson, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was issued summonses for defective equipment and driving while intoxicated.

■ An officer served an Andrew County warrant on Travis W. Smock, 25, Maitland for failure to appear. He was issued a summons and released after posting bond.

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University to hold gathering to support troops overseas

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Heading into the second week of the war against Iraq, University officials and student representatives have scheduled a formal gathering.

The gathering to show support for the Northwest students who have been called to duty is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Bell Tower. President Dean Hubbard, Campus Ministries representative Marjean Ehlers and Se-

nior Class President Tiffany Barmann will all give speeches.

Barmann spearheaded the event. "I've been doing a lot of thinking about (the war)," Barmann said. "I remembered 9/11 and how the University came together for that. So I thought it would be nice to bring the campus together for this."

Barmann stressed that the event is not a pro-war or antiwar demonstration.

"It's not for the war or against the war," she said. "We're hoping that students understand that."

Aid from 1A

Students called to duty receive state aid

bill, students receive 36 months of entitlement benefits. If a student is called to active duty and reimbursed for tuition, the months they attended during that semester are not subtracted from the 36 months.

Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said that Northwest was reimbursing students who went active before Holden enforced it.

Since the start of the trimester,

15 students have left for active duty in support of America's war efforts in the Middle East. Six students were unable to return to the University for this trimester because of a call to duty.

Marge Stoner, student loan coordinator and Veterans Affairs coordinator, said, if the war continues, there will probably be more that will have to withdraw from the University.

Constitution from 1A

Students to vote on proposed change in Student Government constitution

senators feel is their opinion."

Bauer said that the new structure proposed within the 13-page constitution would "eliminate the bottleneck" that currently exists within the Student Senate constitution, with responsibility trickling from the president to senators and down to the Student Body. The governmental organization of Proposition B includes a separate three-prong government of an executive branch, headed by the student body president, a legislative branch, led by senators, and an independent judicial branch of students, nominated by the president and then approved by Senate, that would handle disputes within the organization. Through this change in structure, Bauer said senators would be more accessible to students who desire to make their voices heard.

"The goal of this is to create a more diverse representative group in order to draw students in and have an area for their interests," Bauer said. "This increased communication between students and the Student Government Association will allow more issues to be brought before the Student Government. Students will no longer have to go through an intermediary to get something solved."

Bauer said other features of Proposition B include a number of organizational responsibilities normally handled by senators to be de-

cided by the president, freeing them to focus on the student body. The position of treasurer will be eliminated. Committee chairs will also be appointed by senators instead of the vice president. In addition, a summer interim committee will be formed in order to delegate policy for students attending Northwest over the summer trimester.

While Proposition B will soon become a legitimate ballot item, it was met with controversy upon its introduction.

After Proposition B's finalization more than two weeks ago, the petition was presented to Northwest President Dean Hubbard, Faculty Senate President Greg Hadlock, Student Senate advisers and Student Body President Kara Karssen two days before spring break. An original voting date was set by petitioners from March 24-31, immediately after students returned from spring break. Lakebrink said it was originally planned that students would be e-mailed the proposed constitution as well as information on changes and the vote.

Upon learning of the voting dates, Kent Porterfield, vice president for Student Affairs, postponed the vote until the proposal could be further discussed with the voting student body.

"This is a very complicated proposal that basically rewrites the entire constitution of the Student

Government Association, and no information has been distributed to students on what changes are in it," Porterfield said March 14. "I'd be hard-pressed not to find a good reason for the voters not to be informed on this issue."

Lakebrink responded that Proposition B was presented without forewarning in order to prevent outside forces from hindering its progress.

"If the constitution was not written and completed in private, it never would have made it this far," he said.

Upon students' return from spring break, the new voting date was set in a meeting held yesterday between Porterfield, Lakebrink and Karssen. In the three weeks prior to the vote, a forum will be held to inform voters, and a mass e-mail explaining Proposition B with both the proposed and current constitutions will be sent to all students.

Bauer addressed the highlights of Proposition B with Student Senate Tuesday. The presentation marked the beginning of discussion over the ballot. Karssen said that, with the changed voting date, further open discussion will be vital to student voters.

"I think a lot of skepticism has been alleviated because everyone realized the time needed to review something of this scope," Karssen said. "I think a tremendous amount of work and thought went into this,

and there are several worthy things to be said."

However, Karssen expressed concern about the nature of debate surrounding Proposition B.

"There's going to be differences in opinion, but I hope it's regarding the document and not a character debate," she said. "I want those behind it to hold that standard. Negative attacks on people's character are out of line in this discussion."

Robert Dewhirst, professor of political science, has advised Student Senate since 1987 and said no major changes of Proposition B's caliber have been made since the early '90s. Dewhirst expressed faith that, if informed, students will make an educated decision about the issue.

"I trust in the students' judgment to let them make their own decisions," Dewhirst said. "It's important to get all the information out so we have fully informed students. The bottom line is that the kids will get the job done either way."

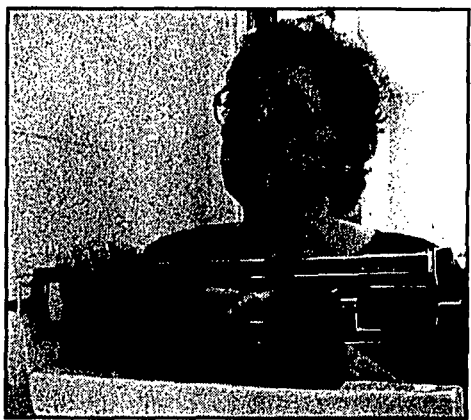
Lakebrink said that, with full discussion, he is confident that Proposition B, which will take effect Aug. 1, if passed, will be a reality.

"It's possible that this constitution may not be ratified, but I am in full confidence that it will," Lakebrink said. "I really think next year is going to be an exciting year."

Weighing in...

Judy Baumli does her weight check-in at the TOPS weekly group meeting. TOPS is a national organization that works as a support group to help people lose weight and be healthy.

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Accident from 1A

Iowa man dies in head-on collision with truck after falling asleep at the wheel

into the semi-truck, which was heading south. The semi-truck ran off the side of the road, striking debris on the side of the road. The Chevrolet Celebrity's front end was smashed, leaving only half of the car visible.

"It was pretty severe," Williams said.

Ben Espey, Nodaway County sheriff, said Powell may have been driving home from work.

"We found a name tag on him, so I think he left work," Espey said. "He worked the night shift, and he had been driving (to Villisca). The highway curves off to the right, and I think he was going straight, and

he hit the truck head on."

Espey said the fatality occurred instantly. He said the passengers in the truck were "very, very lucky." The rescue workers did a good job responding to the scene, Espey said.

"(Burlington Junction) have a really good rescue unit," Espey

said. "They did a good job."

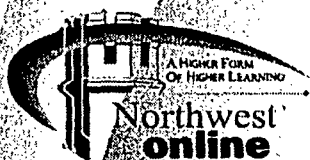
The scene at Highway 71 was a scene that Espey has never seen during his career.

"I've worked for 18 years, and this is one of the worst accidents I have covered," Espey said.

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Within The skin

Tattoos give Maryville residents of all ages a way to express themselves

By MONICA CALDWELL
FEATURES EDITOR

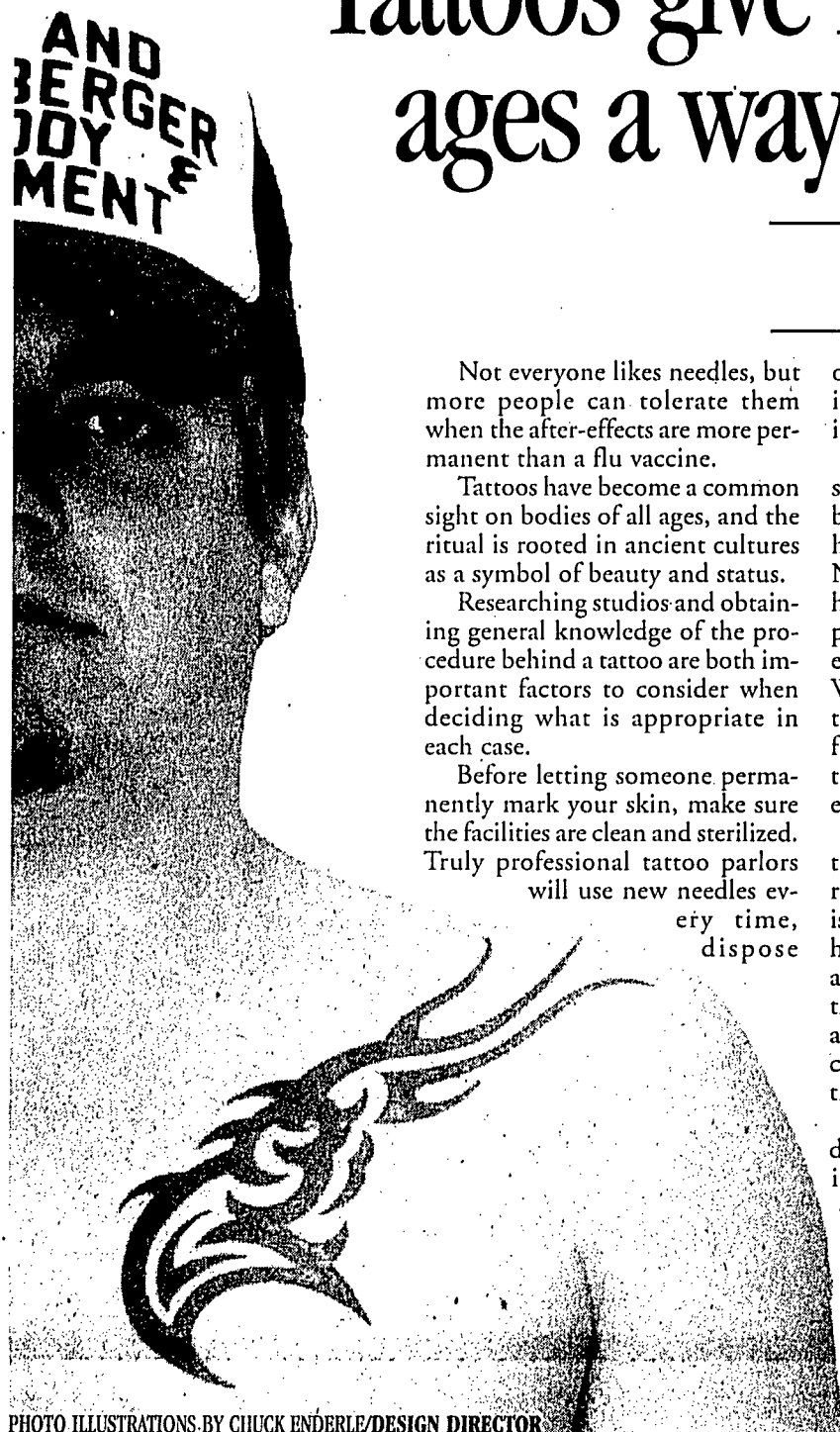


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Not everyone likes needles, but more people can tolerate them when the after-effects are more permanent than a flu vaccine.

Tattoos have become a common sight on bodies of all ages, and the ritual is rooted in ancient cultures as a symbol of beauty and status.

Researching studios and obtaining general knowledge of the procedure behind a tattoo are both important factors to consider when deciding what is appropriate in each case.

Before letting someone permanently mark your skin, make sure the facilities are clean and sterilized. Truly professional tattoo parlors will use new needles every time, dispose

of them promptly after each tattoo is complete and wear gloves while inking.

"You can hear a lot of different stuff about a lot of different people, but you can't believe everything you hear," said Greg Brumley, owner of Northside Tattoos. "Last year, we had a thing going around that (this place) was dirty, but it's clean. Everything gets disinfected every day. We use new needles, new tubes. But there is word. You have to go in and find out for yourself, look around, talk to people in the shop. It's a lot easier that way."

Aside from determining whether the studio is properly free of bacteria, it is important to consult the artist ahead of time and possibly watch him in action. A consultation lets the artist work with the client to create the ideal tattoo. Seeing finished art also gives the client an idea of line clarity and consistent color distribution.

Once a decision is reached on a design, studio and artist, the tattooing can begin. Most places require clients to be over 18 years old, although, in some instances, parents or guardians can sign for permission. In addition, payment is generally requested up front.

Preparation for inking runs along the same lines in each studio. The area will be cleaned with

rubbing alcohol, shaved with a brand new razor and cleaned again. A stencil design will be transferred to the skin, and the tattooing can then begin.

The inked area will be red and swollen for a few hours, and will not completely heal for around three months. It is important to leave the original bandage on for the amount of time indicated by the artist in order to absorb any blood and extra ink. Proper care includes a soapy lukewarm water rinse done by hand and a pat dry followed by antibacterial ointment at least twice a day.

The tattoo will scab and peel while it is healing, and in order to keep from removing any ink, do not scratch or pick at the area. It is also important to stay out of direct sunlight for long periods of time and to avoid water saturation and tanning beds.

But when all is said and done, you have a permanent piece of body art. Popular locations include the arm for men and lower back for women. Tribal designs and butterflies are among the most common tattoos.

However, no matter what you choose, Brumley emphasizes the importance of pride in the design.

"You shouldn't be disappointed in them, even to show your parents," he said.

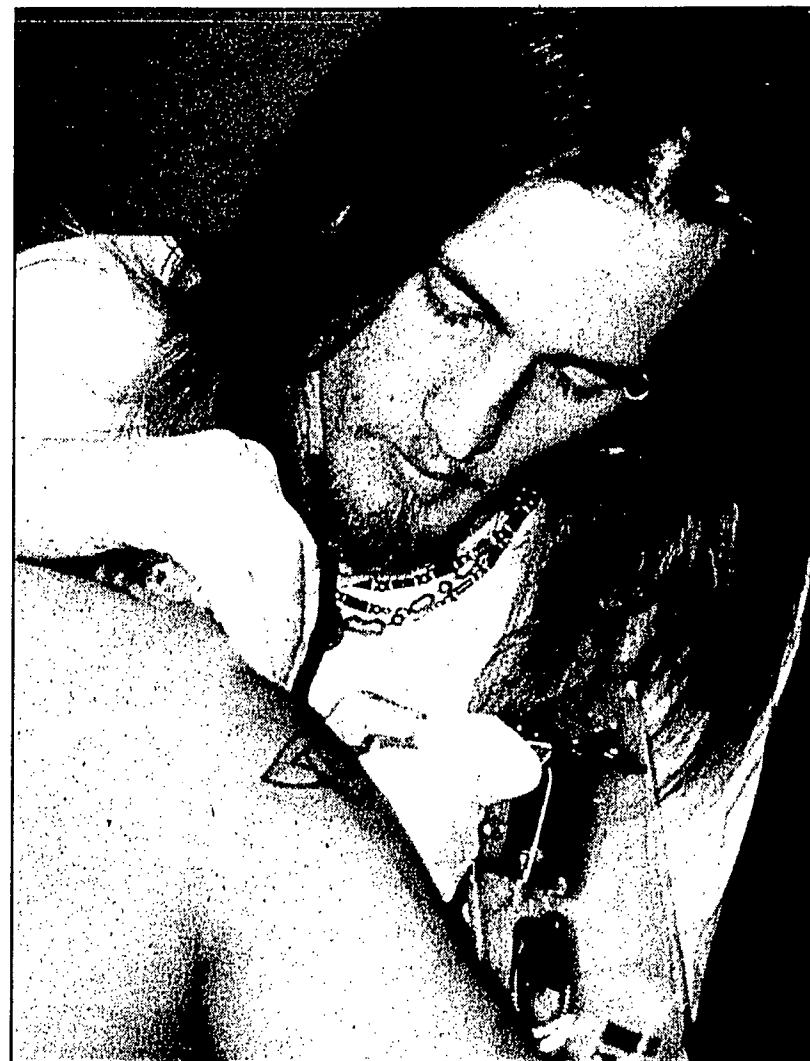


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Greg Brumley of Northside Tattoos concentrates on his task at hand. Brumley moved to Maryville from California three years ago to set up shop in a smaller town. "We're really cheap," he said. "I do the same quality work a big shop would, but I get more customers."

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Kansas City Chief officials make visit to Northwest campus

AD Boerigter remains confident about chances

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Kansas City Chiefs visited Maryville last Wednesday looking for a possible change of location for their training camp.

After this season, the Chiefs will have gone to River Falls, Wis., for the past 12 seasons.

According to athletic director

Bob Boerigter, just getting the Chiefs on campus is an accomplishment.

"They received 12 requests from colleges to get visits," Boerigter said. "Of those 12, they selected five to visit, and we were the last of the five."

Prior to visiting Northwest, they visited Central Missouri State, Missouri Western, Pittsburg State, and Southwest Missouri State.

"I felt like they were comparing us against the other schools," Boerigter said. "It would have been easy for them just to go through the motions with us, but they had

good questions and were extremely sincere."

While only Denny Thum, executive vice president and assistant general manager, and Duane Bailey, manager of player compensation, visited the campus, should Northwest make the next round of cuts, general manager Carl Peterson and head coach Dick Vermeil will visit Northwest.

The Chiefs have yet to comment publicly on the likelihood of which school may house future Chief training camps.

The Chiefs haven't announced when they will narrow the field of

five down to two locations. Boerigter said, however, that indications he had received from the team said it was likely they would make an announcement before they leave for River Falls on July 17.

Boerigter also said the campus has all the components to host training camp as well as or better than River Falls.

"I've been to River Falls," Boerigter said. "We would be able to provide the adequate practice fields needed. Usually, they use three fields up there, but we have the ability to have up to six fields."

"Having that many fields also allows for another team to come in for a couple of days and scrimmage them," he said.

Boerigter also listed qualities such as the close proximity of residence halls to practice areas, training facilities and places to eat as pluses for Northwest.

"I know at the River Falls they run shuttle busses from the locker rooms to the practice area," Boerigter said.

This isn't the first time the Chiefs and Bearcats have worked together on something.

Earlier in the year, the two

KEYS TO KC'S DECISION

Six practice fields - The fields, located on the west side of the campus, are in close range of one another.
Rickenbrode Stadium - Renovations to the stadium include new locker rooms for the players to use.
Residence halls - The Chiefs would likely use South Complex, and new halls will be built soon.
Meeting rooms - The Chiefs would likely use the large meeting rooms/classrooms inside Colden Hall.

worked together to set up the Clash of the Champions at Arrowhead.

"We didn't work directly with Denny Thum when we did the game at Arrowhead," Boerigter said. "So that really isn't to our ad-

vantage. On the other hand, in all the dealings between the Chiefs and our staff in the past, we've always said we won't make promises we can't keep, and we've gotten a lot of credibility from that."

A VAULT ABOVE THE REST

Simmons reigns as Division II champion, turns focus to outdoor season, another title

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest senior pole vaulter Jenny Simmons has yet to soak in the fact she is the best indoor pole vaulter in Division II.

On March 15 in Boston, Mass., the Excelsior Springs native's best vault was 11 feet, 11.75 inches.

However, Simmons was still uncertain that mark would leap her over the rest of the field. After all, she came into the meet ranked sixth in Division II in the pole vault.

But in the end, it was the Northwest All-American standing tall on the podium receiving first place honors.

"I don't think I realized that I did win it," Simmons said. "Some guy came up to me and said congratulations. I said thanks but I didn't know what he was congratulating me for."

To think, when Simmons first came to Northwest as a freshman, all that would have satisfied her was a conference championship in the pole vault.

As a junior in high school, Simmons's brother passed away. She wanted a state championship in the pole vault her senior year in high school to dedicate to her late brother. But she came

up one place short, finishing second that year.

Once at Northwest, Simmons wanted a conference championship to dedicate.

However, that was also a fear difficult for Simmons to achieve.

"I kind of gave up on that idea and felt like he'd be proud for whatever I did. So winning this means a lot more to me than being a national champion," Simmons said. "It was kind of more personal, and God has helped me a lot."

Her national championship comes one year after Simmons finished ninth in the same event in Boston. A second trip to Boston gave Simmons a more com-

fortable feeling about competing against the best Division II has to offer in each event.

"I think it was more of an advantage (competing last year)," she said. "Last year, it was just exciting to be there and you wanted to go see everything while you were there. This year I was more focused on competing because I'd had already been there."

Women's head track coach Vicki Wootton said she was impressed with how Simmons adjusted after her ninth place finish last year in Boston.

"To move up that far says a lot about her work ethic and the goals she set," Wootton said. "She earned (the title) herself."

Simmons said one of the reasons for her success this season was because she approached the season more relaxed.

"It's always nice to go out with (Please see 'Simmons' on page 2B)



SIMMONS PROFILE

- Holds school indoor and outdoor records in the pole vaults.
- Finished first at the MIAA indoor championships.
- Has already provisionally qualified for outdoor nationals.
- Also runs the 400-meter dash.



Northwest senior pole vaulter Jenny Simmons went into the Division II Indoor Track and Field Championship meet ranked sixth in the nation in the pole vault. She came out of the meet a national champion in the event. "This was the last thing I expected," Simmons said. "I guess it was just my day. It was pretty neat."

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Competition heats up at top spot for A-back

Quarterback position is also up for grabs after departure of McMenamin

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Coming off last season's 12-1 campaign, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma is pleased with his team's attitude toward spring football practice.

"Our kids have really done a great job in the weight room, and they tested out as good or better than any group we have ever had," Tjeerdsma said. "I think it helps that we have some positions that are real competitive. Guys are battling for spots

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Next week: A look at the defense.

and even our good plays have challenges behind them."

Among those players Tjeerdsma was referring to is redshirt freshman running back Mitch Herring. Herring earned the starting spot at the A-back position last season, but he must prove himself again this season.

He is competing against Shon Wells, who transferred from Emporia State University two years ago, and junior Mike Fiech. He is a transfer from Northern Iowa University who turned heads in winter testing.

Intense competition for the (Please see 'Spring ball' on page 2B)

Two Northwest netters sweep weekly MIAA honors

Horvat and Lindsay named MIAA tennis players of the week

By BILL KNUST
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While students were lying on the beach, drinking cocktails and dancing with the opposite sex, the men's and women's tennis teams were winning matches against five different teams.

With those spring break wins, two Bearcat athletes earned MIAA Athlete of the Week honors again.

Men's player junior Alen

Horvat and women's player freshman Gena Lindsay brought home the award. Lindsay's was her second in three weeks.

"I was absolutely shocked when I won the first time, and then I found out I won it again (Tuesday), and I was even more amazed," Lindsay said.

Head coach Mark Rosewell summed it up well.

"That's pretty good, ain't it?" Lindsay won her four singles matches at the No. 3 position and went 5-1 in doubles play with her No. 2 doubles partner, junior Sara Lapira.

Although she is only a freshman, Lindsay has compiled a 10-1 record already. She is sitting comfortably at the No. 3 spot. (Please see 'Tennis' on page 2B)

Bearcats sweep Griffons thanks to late inning scoring

Ciaramitaro and Sipes both homer for Bearcats

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the season, head coach Darin Loe said that it would take some time for their team's offense to catch up with its pitching.

It appears that time has come.

Through Tuesday, all but one of the starters for the Bearcats had a batting average above .300.

"We are starting to get our bats going," Loe said. "A different third of the lineup has come through for us whenever we needed them to."

One player hitting the ball exceptionally well is senior third baseman John Sipes. Sipes is batting a team high .397 as well as leading the team in just about every other batting category. He also leads the Bearcats with six homeruns.

Yesterday, the Bearcats traveled to St. Joseph for a double-header against the Missouri Western Griffons.

The day belonged to the 'Cats who picked up a win in game one 8-6.

	AT	
Game 1	8	4
Game 2	6	1

Northwest was forced to come from behind and score four runs in the sixth inning to claim the win. The bats continued to come through for the Bearcats as senior shortstop Willie Ciaramitaro and Sipes each had a homerun in the game.

In the second game, Northwest made things interesting

again, scoring three runs in the seventh to come away with a 4-1 victory.

Senior catcher Mike Ruff knocked in two of the runs in the seventh. Going into the series at Western, Ruff led the team in RBIs with 20.

Northwest faces Lincoln on Saturday at 1 p.m., and then begins a stretch through the MIAA where 13 of their next 14 opponents are from the conference.

"Basically, we finished our preseason 11-5," Loe said. "Going to conference play, every game really matters. Each game can have an effect on how you finish in the conference."



Northwest sophomore outfielder Marcus West attempts to make contact with a pitch in a game earlier this season. West and the Bearcats improved to 5-1 in the conference with the two wins over Missouri Western Wednesday.

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Northwest softball

Women's softball completed a sweep of the Missouri Western Griffons on Wednesday. They host the Northwest Classic this weekend. Turn to 2B for more on the team.



Men's basketball

The Bearcats' attempt for a second trip the Elite Eight ended in Stephenville, Texas. To find out head coach Steve Tappmeyer's reflections on the past season, turn to page 2B.



'Hounds spring preview

Winter sports have come to a close at Maryville High School which means it is time for spring. Turn to page 3B to read season previews on the soccer, track & field, baseball and golf teams.

'Cats' run for another trip to Elite Eight falls short in Texas

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Another trip to the Elite Eight fell short for the Northwest men's basketball team in Stephenville, Texas, in the South Central Regional tournament.

After defeating Missouri Western State College in the quarterfinals, the Bearcats were unable to deal with the size of Tarleton State University. The Texans dealt the Bearcats a 73-58 loss and halted the Bearcats record at 22-9.

For the second day in a row, the Bearcats fell behind early. The Texans jumped out to an 8-0 lead and led by as many as 10 before the 'Cats made a run to trail by one point at 18-17.

But the Texans never relinquished the lead and gained a comfortable lead towards the end of the game before taking the victory.

The Bearcats shot 35 percent from the field compared to more than 50 percent by the Texans.

Tarleton State used its size to dominate the middle. The Texans outrebounded the Bearcats 44-31.

Senior Scott Fleming and junior Kelvin Parker led the Bearcats with 18 points each.

Tarleton State ended up losing in

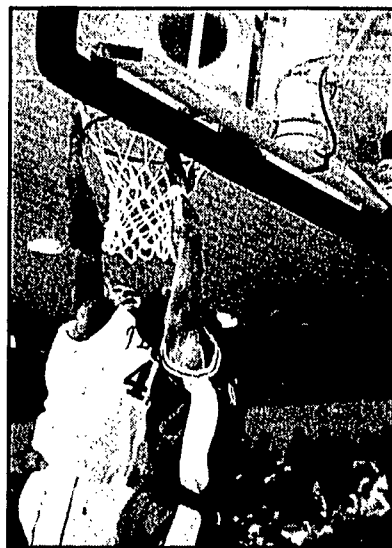


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Kelvin Parker lays in two points despite defensive pressure from a Tarleton State defender. Parker scored 18 points in the game.

the regional final to Northeastern Oklahoma.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats did exceed many people's expectations after three players were either injured or ineligible at the beginning of the season.

"This is a team that handled adversity very well," Tappmeyer said. "We lost three players at the beginning of the season, and there was a

time when I was wondering what we could put together."

Expectations were high. The Bearcats were just coming off an appearance in the Elite Eight and conference tournament and regular season championships.

"We had a big bull's eye on our back," Tappmeyer said. "Everyone was going to take pride in kicking our butt, but these guys were competitors."

The Bearcats were picked to finish first in the conference, but that prediction came out before the loss of Derrick Worrell, Byron Jackson and Keanan Wier. But the Bearcats were able to make many strong runs throughout the season and were tied with Western for second place in the MIAA at year's end.

"They never made excuses," Tappmeyer said. "They just went out there and played ball games."

Tappmeyer said much of that can be attributed to the senior leadership of Scott Fleming, Jelani Walker, Joel Yeldell, Floyd Jones and Ben McCollum.

"These guys really pulled together, and I think this senior group was a big part of pulling these guys together," Tappmeyer said.

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PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Northwest graduate assistant coach Matt Brownsberger assists an emotional Floyd Jones moments after the Bearcats fell to Tarleton State 73-58 in the South Central Regional Tournament. Jones scored two points and grabbed four rebounds in 29 minutes in his last game as a Bearcat.

SIMMONS

Senior trackster now aims at outdoor title in pole vault

a bang," she said. "It was getting to the point over the last couple years where I was just dragging. So I decided I was going to have fun with it and have a better attitude about it. It's all paying off."

But Simmons's career at Northwest is not over yet. The Outdoor season still remains where Simmons will have higher expectations.

"My goal mostly is to improve on what I've done," she said. "It will be nice if it takes me to another national championship but

I just want improve and do my best."

Last Saturday's meet at the Alabama Relays was a good start to the outdoor season for Simmons. She ran away with first place, with a vault of 12 feet, this against many Division I schools.

Come May 24-26 in Edwardsville, Ill., it may be Simmons again reigning over all Division II pole vaulters.

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Men fare well in Boston

Four track and field athletes from the men's team competed in Boston alongside Simmons.

Gabriel Helms placed ninth overall in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.90. Jamaica Rector placed eighth in the triple jump. It was his second trip to Boston.

Clint Prange placed 10th in the shotput and Dan McKim finished eighth in the shotput and ninth in the weight throw.

SPRING BALL

Northwest players ready to compete for starting positions

starting spot is what spring football is all about, Tjeerdsma said.

"We always say there are two things in spring ball (that you can do): you can learn as much as you can, and you want to compete," Tjeerdsma said. "Obviously, when you know you have some real competition, that only enhances that. Guys are not only battling for starting positions but for playing time."

Spring ball serves as a measuring stick for fall practice, Tjeerdsma said.

"Really, when spring ball is over, you have established your two-deeps," Tjeerdsma said. "That doesn't change much going into the fall unless you have some attrition during the summer, which we haven't had. So this is a real critical time for all of them."

Another position race that is being followed closely by the offensive coaches is the quarterback race.

"We'll be different at quarterback, there is no doubt about that," Tjeerdsma said. "Right now, it's a battle between T.J. Mandl and Josh

Lamberson. Andy Hampton is hurt, so that puts a damper on his opportunities."

Mandl has the most experience of the quarterbacks practicing, starting four games for departed senior John McMenamin during the 2001 season.

"Both of those guys (Mandl and Lamberson) athletically are completely different from John," Tjeerdsma said. "They are a little smaller, but they run really well."

The offense will take advantage of that, Tjeerdsma said. This spring, they will put plays into the playbook for next season to take advantage of the mobility.

PRACTICE NOTES:

Hampton will likely miss spring practice as he suffered a high ankle sprain and an Achilles' injury during the winter. Also missing practice is lineman Eric Schneider who had his shoulder surgery this week. Ken Eboh hurt his knee on Monday and went in for an MRI today.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF
Quarterback T.J. Mandl throws a pass during Tuesday's drills. Mandl returned to the practice field one year after a severe knee injury.

Softball team to host weekend invitational

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest softball team will play host to its first tournament since 1995 this weekend.

The Northwest Classic will feature teams from the MIAA and teams outside the conference.

Missouri Western State College and Emporia State University will help Northwest represent the MIAA in the field of teams.

St. Cloud State will also take part whom the Bearcats know very well. The two teams battled in last week's Missouri Western Invitational and will meet for a second time at noon Sunday.

"There should be some good games this weekend," head coach Susan Punzo said. "There is a lot of good competition in this field. Hopefully, the weather cooperates."

Weather may be a problem. Forecasts predict temperatures to be the mid-30s on Saturday and low 50s on Sunday.

Punzo has good reason to worry about the weather.

"These games are big," she said. "We

are getting better and are getting so close to conference play. It is important to get these games in this weekend."

Punzo said the key to being successful this weekend will rely on the offense.

"We need to get the big hit when we have runners in position to score," she said.

The return of junior Angie McCoy will help the team out. She missed the Missouri Western Invitational due to a dislocated finger. Despite missing those games, McCoy leads the team in RBIs with 11. She also leads the team in homeruns with two.

The Bearcats defeated the Griffons in a doubleheader Wednesday in St. Joseph.

The Bearcats needed 10 innings to defeat the Griffons in game one, 5-2. In the tenth inning, junior Melissa Nimmo scored the first run of three. Sophomore Tara Risetter knocked in Nimmo. The Bearcats would score two more runs to take game one.

Shelley MacDonald pitched nine innings to pick up the win. Sophomore Jacqui Handlos secured the save.

Northwest did not need extra innings to win game two 5-0. Handlos pitched the seven-inning shutout, giving up only four hits. Only three Griffon base runners reached second base.

Nimmo and junior Megan Spring scored runs in the fifth inning to help the Bearcats win their ninth game of the season.

The Bearcats posted a 2-3 record at the Missouri Western Invitational last weekend.

The Bearcats lost to St. Cloud State 2-1 in the first game but bounced back, shutting out Concordia (Minn.) 6-0. Handlos pitched a complete game, striking out six and only giving up two hits.

Northwest dropped their second game of the day, this one to Wayne State College, 3-2.

On Sunday, the Bearcats were able to pull out a 2-1 victory over North Dakota. Freshman Ashley Pride drove in the Bearcats' two RBIs.

The Bearcats dropped their final game of the invitational to South Dakota 5-4 in nine innings.

Punzo said one of reasons to the team's success in the tournament was pitching.

"Both of our pitchers are getting a lot more comfortable," Punzo said. "They are keeping us in the ball games. Now, it's a matter of getting our bats going. If we can get a combination of our bats and pitching going then we'll be coming out on top more."

TENNIS

Teams continue netting wins as they approach MIAA play

"It's not really that much pressure on me," Lindsay said. "In high school, I was always the No. 1, so coming in and playing the No. 3 is a lot easier on me."

The only match the men and women dropped over the break was a dual with Midwestern State (Texas).

Rosewell said Midwestern might have had an advantage since they have been playing outdoors "since probably

around January."

The women dropped the match to the Indians 5-4 and the men were defeated 7-2.

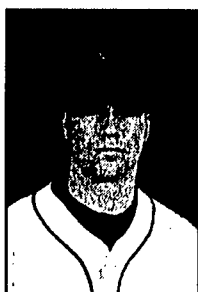
That was the only dual the 'Cats lost. They were paced by the strong play of No. 3 singles player Horvat. The MIAA Athlete of the Week earned wins over Austin Peay University (Texas) player Nabil Lababedi and Mesa State (Colo.) player Will Roth

among others.

His overall record for the break was 4-1 in singles and doubles.

Both teams will be in action this weekend. The men will face Barton County Community College and Truman State University. The women will compete against the University of Nebraska-Omaha, North Dakota University and Truman.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



John Bothof

The senior from Omaha, Neb. went 4 for 4 in game one against Emporia State last Saturday. He leads the team in steals with 11 this season.

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Lindsay went 4-0 in No. 3 singles last week and 5-1 in No. 2 doubles. She earned another MIAA player of the week honor for her efforts.



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'Hounds look to rely on seniors and balance

By COLE YOUNG
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Going back to basics. That describes the Maryville high school girls' soccer team's theory on the upcoming season.

"It's essential that we don't lose because of fundamental errors," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "One of our main goals is to take care of the little things like ball control."

Oludaja has taken over the controls of the 'Hounds, replacing Stu Collins. Oludaja brings a soccer history with him not only from his playing days but also in starting club teams.

Oludaja, associate professor of communication, was responsible for the start of the men and women's soccer clubs. While the men's club still exists, the women's squad has progressed to a recognized sport.

The 'Hounds lost only two seniors from last season, Leah Taylor and Amber DeMott. That, along with a

good attitude, make the coach excited about the dawn of a new season.

"We have a good group of girls," Oludaja said. "All of the girls have good attitudes, and I think with that, they will do well."

As far as Oludaja's pick for conference champion, he said that he doesn't have enough information about the other Midland Empire Conference teams to predict his favorite.

One member of the 'Hounds, however, believes they have the ability to be conference champions.

"I think we're going to finish on top," senior Elizabeth Wynn said. "We have speed, commitment, and we have played soccer together for quite a while."

Both Oludaja and junior Sarah Beth Wynn say there are no standouts for the squad that returns seven seniors.

"Everyone is doing their part," the younger Wynn sister said. "A lot of the seniors are stepping up and acting as role models for the freshmen."



Members of the Maryville high school baseball team work on their pickoff plays during an afternoon practice. The 'Hounds start their season on the road this weekend in the Excelsior Springs tournament.

PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/EDITOR IN CHIEF

Team hopes to duplicate success

By BRIAN JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With springtime upon us, it is that time of year when the grass and leaves start turning green. It is that time of year when the flowers begin to bloom. And it is that time of year when millions of Americans pack ballparks across the country to watch their favorite teams play.

Yes, baseball season is here. In Maryville, every Spoofhound fan is excited for what could be a great season for the 'Hounds.

"I'm looking forward to it," head coach Brian Lohafer said.

Last year, the 'Hounds went 18-6, the best season in Maryville history. Even though the 'Hounds lost six seniors to graduation, the expectations are still high for this year's squad.

"Last year, we were a senior-oriented team," Lohafer said. "Even

though we lost some seniors, we're still going to try to duplicate what we did last season."

One way Maryville can duplicate what they did last season is to improve pitching.

One person who could help Maryville with pitching is last year's all-conference pitcher, Nick Davis.

For the 'Hounds to win this season, they might need to concentrate on better hitting, too.

After Monday's game against Nebraska City, Lohafer said the team's hitting may need some work.

"Yesterday's game, we didn't hit well," Lohafer said. "We kept hitting balls into the air and had some errors."

Lohafer said, its not unexpected that hitting is starting out slow, but he thinks the problems may be resolved over time.

"We're still trying to find out who will be on the starting lineup," Lohafer said. "But by midseason, we

should be all right."

Next up for the 'Hounds is a trip down south to the Excelsior Springs tournament March 28-29.

'HOUNDS BASEBALL

3-28	Excelsior Springs Tourn.	TBA
4-3	Lafayette	4:30 p.m.
4-4	LeBlond	4:30 p.m.
4-8	Savannah	4:30 p.m.
4-10	Cameron	4:30 p.m.
4-11	St. Pius	4:30 p.m.
4-14	Lafayette	4:30 p.m.
4-15	Chillicothe	4:30 p.m.
4-17	Savannah	4:30 p.m.
4-22	Pony Express Tourn.	TBA
4-28	Benton	4:30 p.m.
4-29	LeBlond	4:30 p.m.
5-2	Kearney Tourn.	TBA
5-6	Chillicothe	4:30 p.m.
5-8	Smithville	4:30 p.m.
5-13	Platte County	4:30 p.m.
5-17-23	Districts	TBA
5-29	Sectionals	TBA
5/31	Quarterfinals	TBA
6-6-7	State Championships	TBA

Home matches in bold

Tracksters face different paths for MEC title hopes

By CLARK GRELL
SPORTS EDITOR

This year's Maryville track and field season will feature two squads running down two different roads.

The boys return 14 letter winners from last year's team that finished second in the conference. It is a team that consists of many seniors who will help the team compete with Platte County for a Midland Empire Conference title.

However, the girls will rely on youth to take them to consecutive titles. Last year, the girls won the conference title, finished second in districts and broke eight school records. They will try to duplicate that feat this year, but must do so with a team that consists of no seniors and 13 freshmen.

"It does hurt (not having any seniors)," girls' head coach Jason Melnick said. "But I got a real good class of juniors and sophomores who have really put in their time and have contributed."

Last season, the 'Hounds were able to rely on field events for most of their scoring, but they must turn to other areas this season.

"We're not going to be as strong in field events like we were last year," Melnick said. "That's where we scored a lot of our points. We had two all-conference performers in the discus and pole vault, and we lost both of them. So a lot of it is going to have to do with sprinting this year."

Sophomore Kelly Dawson returns one season removed from breaking the school mark in the 100-meter dash. She will also compete in the 300-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Kristin Degase will not be able to participate in meets until late April because of an ACL injury. She was the team's top scorer last season.

"We're just anxious to see where we are at this point," Melnick said.

Boy's head coach John Pelzer said his team is solid in many areas on the team, especially field events.



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST / EDITOR IN CHIEF
Head boys' track coach John Pelzer works with freshman Christina Workman on her starts. Both teams are in action this Saturday at the Park Hill Invitational.

The team will turn to Justin Seipel, Sidney Brisbane, Myles Burnside, Ben McKim and Mike VanSickle for many point opportunities in the field events.

Senior Derek Garrett will look to make a run in the hurdle events and senior Pete Dawson will hope to do the same in the long distance events.

The team will aim to dethrone conference powerhouse Platte County. Pelzer said the pressure of trying to best last year's performance in the conference meet will not be an issue.

"Traditionally, we have a good program," he said. "So I don't think there is a lot of pressure on these guys."

The team will have practiced three weeks before their first meet this weekend at the Park Hill Invitational.

"They are excited and so am I," Pelzer said. "It's a crazy meet but it's a good way to get the season started."

	FAN PLAN						
	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest baseball			Lincoln Univ. (DH) 1 p.m.	Truman St. (DH) 1 p.m.			Emporia St. (DH) 1 p.m.
Northwest softball			Northwest Classic 10 a.m.			Washburn (DH) 2:30 p.m.	
Northwest track & field			Truman St. 10 a.m.				
Northwest tennis	Barton Co. 7:00 p.m.	Nebr.-Omaha 7 p.m.	Truman St. 7 p.m.	Northwood (at St. Louis) 10 a.m.		William Jewell 3 p.m.	SW Baptist 2 p.m.
Maryville baseball			Excelsior Springs Tournament				
Maryville girls' soccer	Excelsior Springs Tourney						
Maryville track & field			Park Hill Invite				
Maryville boys' tennis	Savannah						

Golfers hope to return to state

Squad hopes to find itself in position to bring home another team title

By MARK EUSTON
CHIEF REPORTER

After coming up just short of qualifying for the state golf tournament last year, the 'Hounds boys' golf team was left thirsting for more.

"Last year, we won conference by about 20 strokes and then went to districts and finished third by only one stroke," head coach Tom Alvarez said. "The pain of last year's loss will definitely motivate the team this year."

Though they did not qualify for state as a team, they did have two individuals qualify: Trent Twaddle, who graduated last year, and Lucas Larson, who is returning for his senior season and will be the No. 1 golfer on this year's team.

Alvarez said that winning two state championships in the last three years as well as having an individual state champion has definitely had an impact on the team.

"It both gives us confidence and adds some pressure," Alvarez said. "For some of the younger guys, it puts some pressure on them, but for the older guys it gives them confidence."

After last year's near miss at qualifying for state, Alvarez has high hopes for this year's team.

"My expectations for the team are high," Alvarez said. "This year, we expect to go to state as a team, but I am not going to put any expectations on how we will finish in the tournament."

In their way stands Pembroke Hill, who won state last year in a landslide victory of more than 20 strokes, and two of their top three golfers are returning. Maryville faces the Raiders on April 19th at Mission Hills Country Club.

"We expect Pembroke Hill to be our toughest competition this year both in the regular season and in the state competition," Alvarez said.

The 'Hounds will start off their quest for the state tournament April 3 when they travel to St. Joseph to face Lafayette.

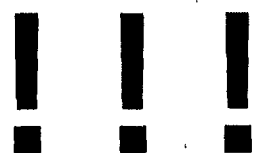
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- 4-3 Lafayette
- 4-7 William Jewell Tourney
- 4-10 Benton/Savannah
- 4-14 Cameron/Chillicothe
- 4-15 Shenandoah
- 4-16 Platte County Open
- 4-17 Tarkio/Ravenwood
- 4-19 Pembroke Hill
- 4-22 Lafayette/Platte County
- 4-25 Cameron Tourney
- 4-29 Maryville Tourney
- 5-1 Smithville/Benton
- 5-2 Richmond Tournament
- 5-8 MEC Tourney
- 5-9 Districts
- 5-19 State Tournament

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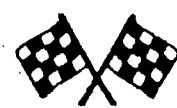
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Stroller cites a homefront peril

First off, I apologize in advance. Just when you thought your Stroller's weekly allotted ranting space was one final sanctuary from the constant coverage of all things bloody, here comes Your Man's opinion on one small home front aspect of the hotly protested Operation Iraqi Freedom.

But please, Dear Reader, do not abandon me yet. While it's safe to assume that many have grown weary of 'round the clock war coverage ranging from how many inches closer coalition troops are to Baghdad to the suspected bowel movements of Saddam Hussein, Your Man is not here to preach on my feelings, position or theory of this war.

As you may have noticed by this column's past profound topics spanning procrastination, freshmen and (Dear God, I'm so sorry) Joe Millionaire, Your Man's finger is far from the pulse of today's actual hot-button issues. Besides, I'm far too cowardly to make comments that will inevitably be followed up by a humiliating, ego-bruising letter by those educated on this conflict beyond the scope of 24-hour news channels.

Secondly, despite a creepily twisted viewpoint on, uh, everything, as well as a tendency to make stuff up, *The Northwest Missourian* already employs a fine columnist dedicated to addressing political issues.

Instead, an aspect that has generated much contemplation within the atrophied brain of your Stroller is instead that of our own war here on the home front, between, in the words of each group's opposition, those "damn hippie" antiwar activists and the "bloodthirsty warmongers" in support of the war in Iraq.

Your Man bears no opposition to these protests and in fact welcomes



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the fact that citizens internationally are making their voices heard. However, what seems to be a dominant feature within these gatherings, in retrospect, could bear worse repercussions than an unarmed coalition soldier on the front lines. It's that of the uninformed protester.

Thankfully, antiwar protests here on the Northwest campus have been limited to tasteful events including peace and prayer vigils as well as quiet gatherings at the Bell Tower in which information on the negative drawbacks on this war was dispersed. However, many of Your Man's spring break bar crawls were interrupted by antiwar protests of a larger scope, numbering in the thousands.

You see, within these thick mobs of unruly, screaming, drunken fools, were very few that seemed to understand what they were really rising up against. With more placards that seem to reference our president's surname as a certain innuendo as well as those that merely play for untruthful graphic shock value on what they believe is bound to happen upon our invasion of Iraq, it seemed that a number of protesters are merely in it for the ability to say, "Dude, I protested the war once. It was bitchin'."

(Driving to the protest, of course, in their sport utility vehicles pumped

chock-full of Midwestern black gold.) But that's beside the point. To those of you who are passionately opposed to this war, kudos. Your Man, for one, is proud that our country is engaged in this home front conflict. It demonstrates a lack of apathy and obedience, which, in the eyes of your Stroller, are far more lethal than any weapons of mass destruction.

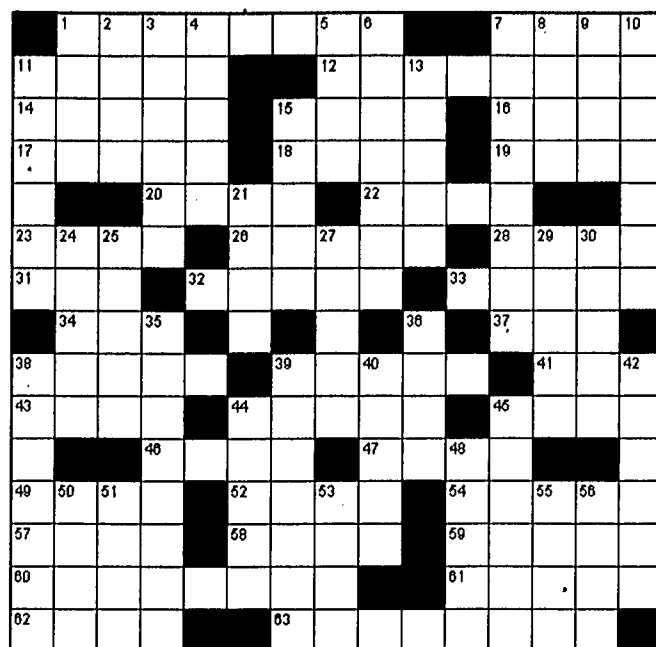
However, take a step back and assure what it is to which you are opposed. War, right? Why? What is this war about? Do you really know? Ask yourself this, and answer your questions beyond the fact that people will die. As we all know, no matter which way this goes, all our lives are in danger.

You see, just as there is nothing at all that is glorious about war, there is also no honor in protesting a cause one is willing to lay down everything for. Without being informed, it's impossible to be passionate. It's also a slap in the face to those who truly know and believe the focus of their cause.

So, in closing, Your Man will leave a message to all antiwar rabble rousers that may put down their bullhorns and give me a listen: To you bored college students looking for an outlet for rebellion: sit down. To you hipsters searching for a retro cause to match your retro outfit: shut up. And to you ex-hippies looking to relive your glory days of the sixties, go home. None of you return to the streets with your placards, Halloween costumes and face paint until you truly know what you believe in. The results may truly surprise you. They certainly surprised your Stroller.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. Oldest
7. Surveillance device
11. Distributed cards
12. Unicellular organisms
14. Input data again
15. Increase in size
16. Float through the air
17. Unsuccessful car
18. Mary ----,

women's educational pioneer

19. Very dry champagne
20. The power to reject
22. Petroleum engineer
23. Turn with the wind behind you
26. Hang suspended in the air
28. Cut of meat
31. Always
32. Gossip

33. Tossed bed

34. Portable
37. Attack
38. Foot-wear
39. Yielded
41. Project
43. Song in praise of God
44. Unit of weight in gemstones
45. Venture
46. Dull
47. The wise men
49. Over-promotion

Down

1. Reward
2. Quercus
3. Arm cover
4. Genre
5. Agile
6. Cavalry soldier
7. Bovine locators
8. Emperor of Russia
9. Beaucurd
10. Winemaking stage
11. Remove silt from river
13. Holder
15. Dimness
21. Dull sound
24. Unappetizing
25. Shrubby

Answers can be found on this page

on the edge

Constitution facts:

■ The delegates that attended the American Constitutional Convention spent much of their time getting drunk. One surviving document is a bill for a party on September 15, 1787, two days before signing the Constitution. Items on the bill were: 54 bottles of Madeira, 60 bottles of claret, 8 bottles of whiskey, 22 bottles of cider, 12 bottles of beer and 7 bowls of alcoholic punch, all for 55 people.

■ Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Samuel Adams and Patrick Henry did not attend the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

■ During World War II, the original copies of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence were taken from the Library of Congress and kept at Fort Knox.

■ John Adams was central to the Revolution, the creation of the Declaration of Independence and the government under the Constitution.

■ The only crime defined in the U.S. Constitution is treason - Article III, Section 3.

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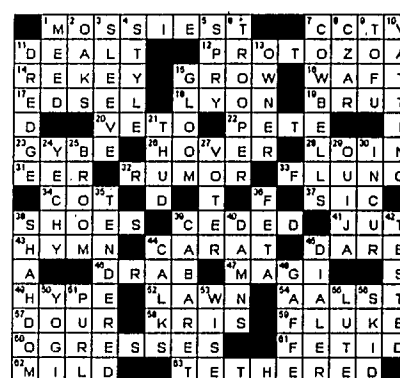
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